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Army Plans Blind Vet Training

WASHINGTON—Service men blinded in the war will remain members of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps until they have been adjusted to take their places in society at a center to be established and operated by the Army Medical Department, the War Department announced this week.

In accordance with recommendations of President Roosevelt's committee on rehabilitative measures to be taken in respect to blinded service men, they will not be released from their military organizations until they have had the social adjustment training necessary to enable them "to undertake with confidence a course of vocational training and pursue same to a successful conclusion — satisfactory employment."

Policy Advocated

Veterans' groups, notably the American Legion, have advocated that this be the policy toward all wounded or diseased servicemen, but the War Department in an-



EN ROUTE TO INVASION, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commanding general, U. S. Fifth Army, is shown as he peered eagerly ahead from his seat aboard the PT boat carrying him to the beachhead near Anzio, Italy.

—Signal Corps Photo

Compromise Reached On Soldier Vote Ballot

WASHINGTON—Conferees studying the soldier vote bill this week reached an agreement—a compromise which provides Federal ballots but limits their use to (1) men overseas, who (2) apply for State absentee ballots but don't get them in time, and (3) who come from States whose governors approve their use.

An overseas serviceman would have to take an oath that he applied for a State ballot by Sept. 1 but had not received it by Oct. 1. They would then be permitted to cast a Federal ballot, if the governor of their State has certified by Aug. 1 that the Federal ballot is acceptable under State laws.

Legislatures May Be Called

Servicemen whose States do not have an absentee voting law also could use the Federal ballot only if the governors certify before Aug. 1 that it would be accepted.

Although action by State legislatures is not necessary, it is believed many governors will put the issue up to their lawmaking groups rather than take the responsibility themselves.

Although there were still minor details to be ironed out as Army Times was going to press, it seemed probable that the compromise would be accepted by both Houses. However, no one was really satisfied with the results. Senator Green (D., R. I.), who helped father the Federal ballot plan, only said, "I hope this will increase" voting by servicemen. Still thoroughly opposed to the use of any kind of Federal ballot is Representative Rankin (D., Miss.). Said Rankin: "This provision is not acceptable to me, because it would attempt to impose a Federal ballot on soldiers from States that have absentee voting laws for members of the armed forces."

One Difference

Chief remaining difference to be ironed out is whether the Federal procedure will be administered by a bipartisan War Ballot Commission, or directly by the heads of the Army, Navy and War Shipping Administration.

Meanwhile, the Council of State Governments advised the States to get busy and pass adequate absentee voting laws, because it is possible Congress never may reach an agreement.

American Forces From Iceland Now Training In Britain

LONDON—It was revealed this week that United States forces who have served for several months as part of the Iceland garrison are now in Britain with the American invasion forces.

Allies Throw Back German Assaults At Anzio Beachhead

WASHINGTON—Inflicting heavy losses on the attacking Nazi forces, the Allied lines have held fast in the face of slashing offensives launched by the reinforced German army in an effort to drive the defenders of the Anzio beachhead into the sea.

The Nazis have used reserve forces and new heavy weapons in an effort to break the Allied lines. In several areas, where small forces succeeded in cracking the Allied lines, the attackers were surrounded and annihilated.

Among the weapons introduced by the Germans were heavy guns operating on railroad tracks and a new explosive-filled, crewless tank. The guns' withering fire has proved effective but the "secret" tank failed to operate according to the blueprints.

Yank Saw the Tanks

With a great deal of fanfare behind the front lines the Germans were shown the new, squat, remote-control tanks. Then the Yanks saw the tanks through artillery sights.

The first 14 used, thanks to straight-shooting Yanks, either exploded behind the German lines or were bumped off in no-man's land as they waddled into battle.

Allied firepower continues to be a factor in the defense. On Wednesday some 700 sorties were made by aircraft over the beachhead area.

Unrelenting warfare on Nazi plane production continues, with attacks by the Eighth Air Force and the RAF from British bases, and still more by the Fifteenth Force from Italy. Fifteen industrial centers were blasted by 19,000 tons of bombs during the last 10 days and 642 Nazi fighters were shot out of the air. It is estimated that 80 per cent of German twin-engine production and 60 per cent of fighter production was put out of business by these attacks.

Helsinki Bombed

The Russians introduced a new phase into the Finnish-Soviet peace negotiations by sending 300 planes to bomb Helsinki, the Finnish capital.

tal. They smashed up the city about as badly as the Allies have done in their air attacks on smaller German centers. A Finnish-Russian armistice is reportedly in negotiation.

The Red army continues its steady progress in the north and has penetrated the Nazi defenses at Pskov, which the Germans are anxious to hold by reason of its importance as a gateway to the Baltic. Other Russian forces have opened powerful new offensives in the Novoskolniki sector, 70 miles southeast of Pskov.

In the South Pacific the growing weakness of Japanese defense, and likewise the growing strength of

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Safeguarding Life First Principle, Stimson Says

WASHINGTON—When and if it comes to a choice between destroying religious, cultural or historical shrines in Italy or preserving American lives, there can be no alternative for the American Army, Secretary of War Stimson said at his press conference this week.

"American lives must be safeguarded no matter what the cost in material things."

Mr. Stimson said that it is our policy to take every possible precaution against the destruction of such valuable property. He said that the War Department recognizes the cultural importance of the City of Rome, but he added that it is also important as a railway center through which military supplies may be brought from the north to the Nazi fighting forces.

Recent communiques from Italy have mentioned that we have bombed military air fields near Rome and the railroad yards in the city itself. "So far as is now known there is no large concentration of German troops quartered in Rome," the War Secretary added.

Chiefs of Staff Study Combined Army-Navy

WASHINGTON—The Chiefs of Staff are definitely considering uniting the Army and Navy under one Department of War, it was disclosed this week. But still to be decided is whether the change should be made now in the interests of unity of command or after the war when it could be accomplished at leisure.

Sympathy for combining the services has been growing throughout the war as the Army and Navy have been working closely together in the various theaters. Senator Lodge told Congress last autumn that on a trip to the war fronts he had found a "surprising amount of sentiment among (senior officers) for a single department of war, with autonomous land, sea and air services coordinated at the top by a joint staff, with each branch free to pursue its own personnel and materiel policies" (see ARMY TIMES, Oct. 9, 1943).

OK Seen

This is just what the Chiefs of Staff have in mind, according to The Washington Post, which adds that there is "every indication pointing to approval of the plan." If it is decided to go ahead with the change, a recommendation would be made to the President for his consideration.

A unification bill was introduced into Congress two years ago by Senators Johnson of Colorado and Kilgore of West Virginia but, at the request of the War Department, they did not press it.

The following plan is said to be the one being given the most consideration. It has progressed far enough that tentative organization schemes have been worked out and put on paper. There would be:

1. A single Department of War or Defense with a civilian head, who

would have civilian assistants for each service.

2. A single chief of staff with the proper deputies.

Air Forces Equal

3. A general staff which would function under this chief with equal rank for Army, Navy, Air and Supply.

4. All land-based planes would function under a single air command. The Navy would continue to control carrier-planes.

5. The general staff would be divided into two parts, the operations division and the materiel division. Under each would be sections handling the special branches—Army, Navy and Air.

Advocates of the plan point out that it would bring about complete unity of command from the top down, avoid much duplication of effort and raise the status of the Air Forces.

It is said that where unity of command has been achieved we have had comparatively rapid successes, but where it has been lacking we have suffered disappointment, excessive casualties and unpardonable delay.

Cite African Campaign

The African campaign and the Marshall Islands invasion are cited as examples of unity of command, whereas the long-delayed Aleutians campaign is said to have resulted from divided authority.

The plan would lessen the competition between the two services. There would also be consolidation of facilities and supplies not now possible. There is even talk of establishing one military academy where Army, Navy and Air subjects would be taught.

Significant in the plan is the lim-

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Evidence Kept On Dereliction Charge

WASHINGTON—The War Department is "working with" the Navy Department "in taking steps to preserve evidence" in the cases of Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, accused of dereliction of duty in regard to the attack on Pearl Harbor, Secretary of War Stimson revealed at his press conference this week.

The Navy earlier announced that Admiral Thomas C. Hart had been put in charge of taking testimony from Naval officers acquainted with the Pearl Harbor situation. Mr. Stimson said he doesn't know if testimony is being taken from Army officers.

Kimmel and Short, who have been retired, were commanders of Army and Navy forces in the Hawaii area at the time of the attack. They have waived the statute of limitation regulations so that they may be called before a courtmartial later when trial wouldn't interfere with the war effort.

Reassignment Center Set Up at Camp White

CAMP WHITE, Ore.—A new unit, the Western Personnel Reassignment Center, one of three of its kind in the United States, began operations this week as a part of SCU 1913 at Camp White.

Designed mainly to meet the problem of reassigning men returned from combat areas and men released for other duties by reduction of personnel at posts in this country, the center is expected to handle a flow of from 4,000 to 6,000 enlisted men and officers every ten days.

Col. John R. Young, former commanding officer at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., will command the new center, under Brig. Gen. Amos Thomas, commanding general of Camp White.

Government Loans to Help Vets Get Back Businesses

WASHINGTON—Government loans will be made available to returning members of the armed forces to help put them back in businesses which they were forced to abandon when they donned uniform.

Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones announced this week that Reconstruction Finance Corporation has extended its small business loan program to include loans to those returning to private life from the armed forces. Veterans will be eligible if they were forced to liquidate or turn over to others their business when entering the service.

The applicants will be expected to show prior business experience, to have a proper amount of equity capital, and there should appear a

sound economic need for the business. It is the desire of the Corporation that these loans be made and serviced by local banks throughout the country, with a satisfactory participation agreement by the RFC.

Applications should be filed through the banks or other financial institutions, but where it is not so the bank can or will make the loan, they should be filed with the RFC directly through its Loan Agencies.

Copies of the Army Times
are made available to all Army
hospitals through the American
Red Cross.

Vets Seeking Federal Jobs Given Head-Start

WASHINGTON—Ex-service men will get preference in Federal employment according to a government policy laid down by President Roosevelt.

Furthermore, he asked Congress for legislation which would empower the President for the rest of the war and five years afterward to designate Federal jobs which would be available exclusively to veterans.

The President pointed out that the record of the Government as to veterans "must be one which will constitute an example for all employers."

Gives Head Start

The proposed legislation, which was assured speedy enactment by Republicans and Democrats alike, would give the veterans added points in competitive civil service examinations, preference in the event of personnel reductions and a head-start over non-veterans whenever a vacancy was opened.

These recommendations are substantially the same as those in legislation introduced by Representative Starnes.

While policies are being formulated to assist service men in securing Federal employment, various local and state governments are busy working on legislation which will assist the veterans.

Businesses and industry, ranging from the Ford Motor Co. to the Ox Fibre Brush Co., have already adopted veteran preference and training programs.

Local Responsibility

Despite these job security programs there are many groups which feel the surface has been but barely scratched in the post-war rehabilitation program. The Teachers College of Columbia University reports that local organizations and institutions must do the actual work in readjusting and reallocating veterans and war workers and that thus far the foundations have not been laid for this work.

Sixteen national organizations, including the American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, Investment Bankers Association, National Council of Farm Co-operatives and the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce, recognizing this problem, recently met to discuss the postwar world and to formulate the program.

The Industrial Hygiene Foundation of the Mellon Institute has formed a committee, with members representing a large number of industries, which will supply information to business and industry on how it can

best meet the problem of placing disabled men in jobs.

An illustration of the use of disabled veterans has been furnished by Harold J. McMahon, who lost a leg thirty-three years ago. Mr. McMahon has organized Handicapped Persons Industries, Inc., a toy-making plant.

Only Disabled Employed

Only those who are termed "not feasible for rehabilitation" are taken into the non-profit firm. An office clerk, for example, has no sense of equilibrium and needs a chair and crutches handy. A secretary, though blind, types 10,000 lines daily by using a dictaphone. A deaf lady paints faces on a clown, the maintenance man has a useless arm, legless and armless employees operate the machinery.

Coupled with this rehabilitation planning and experimenting for the post-war period are the announcements from many firms of new inventions which will provide jobs and make living simpler and more comfortable.

Simple, comfortable factory-built houses have been designed by the Palace Corporation of Flint, Mich. The house, which can be moved from rented lot to rented lot, will cost about \$3,000, according to the manufacturer.

Future Painted Bright

Other companies are painting brightly colored pictures of glass stoves, an airplane in every garage, reasonably priced automobiles and kitchen equipment which will do everything but eat the meals it prepares.

Although most manufacturers agree that many changes are inevitable in the post-war era, they are amused by plans for 600-passenger buses and the many "supers" which are providing designers amusement during their spare time.

"Opium-Laden"

The Fifth Rug and Carpet Co. adopts verse for its warning that post-war soothsayers are abroad in the land and deluding the public:

"Listen, my children, and you can hear
Thru the opium-laden atmosphere
The voices of soothsayers, prophets
and seers
All fortune-telling the Post-war
Years . . .
How the world as we knew it will
suddenly cease
'Ere the ink is dry on the Treaty of
Peace,
And presto! . . . A new world! Our
homes, our cars,
Will look like something fresh out
of Mars.
And you'll casually step in your
autogiro
For 18 holes of golf in Cairo.
You'll live on pills. You'll carry
your bride
To a home made of phenol-formaldehyde,
With electronic beams to do the
chores,
Electric eyes to open the doors,
And radar (that newest of trouble
detectors)
To warn of approaching bill-collectors.
Or, we won't have homes . . . we'll
live in trailers



THIS REMARKABLE photo was made at the instant flame billowed out from a Martin B-26 Marauder of the U. S. Army 8th Air Force, the result of a direct hit by Nazi flak while the U. S. formation was somewhere over France. The fire, which nearly envelopes one of the other planes in the formation, caused the destruction of the bomber, which crashed while burning. This particular Marauder formation had flown through one of the most intense flak barrages ever seen over western Europe, to bomb their target effectively, a military objective in the Pas de Calais area.

—AAF Photo

With six rooms furnished like Lord and Taylor's. And everyone, even in Winnepe-saukee, Will own television and walkie-talkie. And this, good friends—this prospect bright—

Is to happen suddenly, overnight. Is it true, or false? Or a glorious hoax? (It's just a lot of malarky, folks).

Old Grey Mare!

FORT DIX, N. J.—GIs at Fort Dix accuse him of using it so that he can see all of the things they'd just as soon he'd miss.

Brig. Gen. Madison Pearson claims he uses it to relieve him of gas and tire worries. "Furthermore," states the General, "I've been making inspection tours this way ever since I took over command of Fort Dix, and I see no reason now to substitute a jeep for my surrey with a fringe on the top."

Giant Red Cross Marker To Protect Our Hospitals

WASHINGTON—A new super red cross canvas marker measuring 100 feet by 100 feet, for use by station and general hospitals in combat zones, has been developed by the Army Medical Department, the War Department announced this week.

The huge marker, plainly recognizable from a height of 25,000 feet, is made of extra-heavy canvas and is finished to withstand all types of weather. Special attachments pro-

GIs in Middle East Told Rotation Program to Begin

CAIRO, Egypt—American soldiers in the Middle East this week were told that they could expect to return home after completing two full years of overseas service, but they were warned that there are still many kinks in the rotation of troops' program which may complicate matters.

The new program went into effect March 1. It will enable one-half of 1 per cent of the entire theater complement to be relieved at one time. Air Forces has its own replacement system and is not included in the program.

Officers, who will be considered separately, will account for 10 per cent of the men replaced. Selections will be based on efficient performance of duty, arduousness and length

of foreign service. In general, the soldiers abroad the longest will be the first to go home.

Explaining the rotation program, Stars and Stripes warned readers not to expect immediate results, however.

"Even after your names have been selected and you are all set to walk up the gangplank, there may be a sweating-out period," Stars and Stripes said. "Your replacement may not have arrived and transportation may be unavailable at the time. The waiting period will not seem nearly so long if you remember many of our Allied brothers in arms have been here four, five and six or more years."

PWs Returning To Germany Glum

IRUN, Spain—Three train loads of German wounded soldiers, diplomats and officials crossed into occupied France this week and newspapermen commented on their gloomy looks. They were in marked contrast with the happy group of Americans who returned from Germany in exchange.

The wounded stared out of train windows and said nothing. One German, a sergeant, captured by the Americans in Tunisia, told a reporter, "Yeah, we were treated okay. Yeah, the Americans were damn good fighters in Africa."

Asked whether he was glad to be going back to Germany, the sergeant shrugged and drawled: "Well, after all, Germany is home for us, you know."

No More Soldiers' Medals Given to Army Dogs

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—The awarding of the Silver Medal, the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross to "Chips," an Army dog which had eliminated a machine-gun nest in Italy, stirred up a controversy which was ended last week by an announcement from the Adjutant General's Office that "medals as designed for human soldiers will no longer be presented to dogs."

The contention centered on the fact that human soldiers do heroic deeds by their own will and forethought, while dogs are moved to such things by instinct.

In "Chips" case, the award was made by a division commander but was not contained in the published general orders of the division.

34th, 36th Divisions Win Honors in Italy

WASHINGTON—The 34th and 36th Divisions have gained new glory in the Italian fighting near Cassino and they have suffered heavy casualties, correspondents reported this week from Italy.

Both were originally National Guard outfits, the 36th from Texas and the 34th from Iowa and Minnesota.

The periods they have spent in the lines outdo the continued action records of World War I. The 34th, until Feb. 12, had been in action steadily for periods of 76 and 45 days. The 36th has been in action for periods of 15, 43 and 31 days.

Protestant Mission Held at Camp Campbell

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—As part of the 20th Armored Division's Lenten religious program, a Protestant Preaching Mission will be held from March 5 to 9 at Chapels 10 and 12. Services will be held nightly at 7:30 p.m. This will be the 55th Preacher's Mission sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches in America at various camps and bases throughout the armed forces.

Want Service Vote In Labor Election

PASSAIC, N. J.—Former employees of the Botany Worsted Mills who are now in the armed forces may not know it, but they are involved in a labor dispute here. The company has appealed a decision by the NLRB on the grounds that its employees who are now in uniform were not permitted to vote in a labor election.

The vote made the Textile Workers Union exclusive bargaining agency with the mills.

Servicemen to Get Tax Refunds First

WASHINGTON—Servicemen will come first when the Treasury begins handing out income tax cash refunds next month. The Internal Revenue Bureau said checks for servicemen will be the first processed and the first mailed.

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AF Institute Sets Up 5 Overseas Branches

WASHINGTON—Branches of the United States Armed Forces Institute have been established in five theaters of war to facilitate instruction of service students stationed overseas, the War Department announced this week. The new branches, later to be increased, are located in the Southwest Pacific, the South Pacific, the Middle East, the European and the Alaskan theaters. Soldiers overseas now may enroll for courses through the new branches, which offer the same correspondence and self-teaching courses provided in the United States through Institute headquarters at Madison, Wis.

Saves Time
Establishment of the branches overseas enables soldiers to procure the courses in much less time than formerly was required in dealing directly with Institute headquarters at Madison. Correspondence lessons are corrected and graded at each branch, further accelerating the service to the student.

The U. S. Armed Forces Institute and its five overseas branches is estimated to have on its rolls approximately 100,000 service students taking correspondence courses, with an additional 350,000 in off-duty classes conducted by unit educational officers using material supplied by the Institute. More than 50 per cent of the students are located overseas.

Although operated by the United States Army, benefits of the educational program are available to members of all branches of the American armed forces, after completion of basic training.

New enrollments aggregate more than 10,000 soldiers a month. Among those enrolled are included 26,000 fourth year high school men, 2,211 soldiers with bachelor's degrees, 191 with master's degrees and 35 doctors of philosophy.

AFI Opened April 1942

The USAFI had its inception in April, 1942, when a school offering correspondence courses to soldiers was established at Madison, Wis., in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin.

First known as the Army Institute, it widened its scope, signed contracts with approximately 75 additional universities, liberalized entrance requirements permitting anyone in service to enroll, and became the United States Armed Forces Institute.

Intended primarily to train personnel so as to increase their value from the military standpoint, the subjects and fields covered are of such a nature as to permit students to continue interrupted studies and to prepare them for future civilian pursuits.

The directive setting up the Institute states as its purpose "to provide continuing educational opportunities to meet the requirements of the command; in particular to furnish assistance to personnel who lack educational prerequisites for assignment to duty which they are otherwise qualified to perform; to assist individual soldiers in meeting requirements for promotion; and to enable those whose education is interrupted by military service to maintain relations with educational institutions and thus increase the probability of the completion of their education on their return to civil life."

The curriculum available through the Institute covers the range from

grammar school to university, including a large number of college and university courses in both general educational subjects and more specialized vocational fields.

Cost Only \$2

For courses supplied directly by the USAFI, the sole cost to enlisted personnel is one enrollment fee of \$2, while the Government pays half the regular cost of courses given enrollees through the extension services of private colleges and universities.

Self-teaching courses are available to enrollees stationed where mail service is uncertain. Text books and materials are supplied free of charge.

Commissioned, warrant and flight officers are eligible to enroll for either Institute or college extension correspondence courses by paying the full cost for each course.

Students may apply for high school and college credits on subjects studied through the auspices of an accreditation system service developed by the Institute.

One of the important aspects of the USAFI is the use of its facilities by the Surgeon General's Office in a training program for hospitalized service personnel.



IS THIS a record? While in Algiers, Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, WAC director, talked about the Army and shook hands with Cpl. Adine Van Couran of St. Louis, whose family may have set a record for number of members in the service of their country. She has three sisters in the WACs, six brothers in the Navy, two brothers in the Marines, and one brother in the Army—a grand total of 13.
—Signal Corps Photo

Personal Affairs Division Set Up in Service Forces

WASHINGTON — Establishment of a Personal Affairs Division in the Army Service Forces was announced this week by the War Department.

The division was formed to carry out policies of the War Department in providing information, advice and assistance on personal matters to Army personnel, their dependents, discharged military personnel and their dependents, and the families of deceased members of the Army. It will formulate policies and procedures of the personal affairs program, but will not assume administrative functions of other Army, Government or civilian agencies.

Colonel Munson Director

Established under the supervision of Maj. Joe N. Dalton, Director of Personnel, ASF, the Personal Affairs Division will have as its director Col. F. Granville Munson, AGD, with offices in the Munitions Building, Washington.

The Personal Affairs Division is concerned solely with dispensing information aimed at a solution, through proper channels, of problems pertaining to emergency financial aid, allowances, arrears in pay, War Bonds, gratuity pay, insurance, pensions, legal assistance, employment, vocational rehabilitation,

hospitalization, housing facilities and personal effects.

Field branches of the new division are being established in Service Commands and large Army posts and camps, and will be staffed with personnel from within present allotments. Technical Services will provide a liaison officer between the division and its branches.

In conjunction with the Personal Affairs Division, a volunteer women's committee is being established to organize volunteer units of women relatives of Army personnel. This committee's functions will include visits to the homes of military personnel, arranging for medical care and hospitalization through proper agencies. It will provide clerical assistance, establish day nurseries, and aid in other special problems.

Cooperation Offered

Close coordination will be maintained between the Personal Affairs Division and Army Emergency Relief, American Red Cross, Veterans' Administration, General Accounting Office, Office of Dependency Benefits, Fiscal Director, ASF; Judge Advocate General's Department, Bar Associations, Legal Aid Societies, Civil Service Commission, Selective Service, U. S. Employment Service, Federal Social Security, and other agencies.

Services of the new division are extended to personnel and dependents of members of Army Service Forces and Army Ground Forces only, as Army Air Forces maintains its own appropriate agencies.

Colonel Munson served as legal advisor to the Adjutant General in the World War, in which capacity he helped draft the Adjusted Compensation Act (Soldiers' Bonus).

Brazil Soon to Send Expeditionary Force

WASHINGTON — Gen. Maurice Cardoso, chief of staff of the Brazilian army, has declared that "the sailing date of the Brazilian expeditionary force is very close." Radio Nacional at Rio de Janeiro said in an English-language broadcast to North America.

"Our soldiers will go overseas well-trained and equipped to join in the fight alongside our Allies," Cardoso said. The broadcast, recorded by United States government monitors, said the General was touring army bases in northern Brazil.

PX Fund Saves \$4000 In Cost of Building

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Opening of a new Transportation Building here, which will serve as a bus terminal and ticket office, will eliminate long lines waiting for bus and train tickets.

The new building was built by the maintenance crew of the Post Exchange system rather than by a private contractor. Since it was built with Post Exchange funds, it was estimated that troops benefited by more than \$4,000, the difference between the actual cost and that which a contractor might have charged.

Invasion Guesses To Collect Jackpot

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Soldier "strategists" of the 410th Armored Field Artillery battalion, 20th Armored Division are competing with Herr Hitler in guessing the point where the invasion of Europe will start in earnest.

In a contest labeled "The Arm-Chair Strategist Contest" and originated by Lt. Roderick M. Thomas, battalion intelligence officer, Sunday afternoon quarterbacks of the military variety are to be given a chance to make their barracks' speculation pay off—with a small cash award.

Maps of Europe have been placed conveniently on bulletin boards of each battery so each GI tactician participating can indicate with a tagged pin the exact spot he thinks the big push will hit Hitler's fortress.

When the actual invasion takes place and the initial spot determined, the soldier-strategist whose pin is nearest to that point will be declared the winner.

Giant Convoy Reaches England Without Alarm

LONDON—One of the largest contingents of American troops ever to cross the Atlantic in one convoy arrived in England this week and they made the crossing without one enemy sub attack.

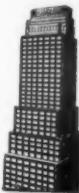
In contrast to the hazardous trips of a couple years ago when troops slept in clothing and lifeboats, they wore pajamas this trip and helmets were issued only to gun crews in exposed positions.

Broke Dope Ring, Awarded Medal

CAMP TYSON, Tenn.—Sgt. John M. Lewis of Camden, N. J., who helped track down a ring of marijuana peddlers and users has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the War Department has announced.

Lewis volunteered as an undercover investigator last spring and secured evidence which brought to justice the dope ring; which, according to his citation, was "having a baneful and highly detrimental effect upon morale, discipline and efficiency" among troops at Camp Tyson.

Sergeant Lewis, working with local users, found out the local representatives of the ring, the names of the "runners" of the drug, and through his information and identification aided the Bureau of Narcotics to uncover the producer in Memphis and ultimately the Arkansas farmer who grew the weed.



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Dutch Training School At Jackson, Miss., Closed

JACKSON, Miss.—The Dutch flag was lowered for the last time at the Jackson Air Base last week in brief ceremonies attended by high military officials.

The last American-trained bomber crew of the Dutch School, which has been in operation here since May, 1942, swung into the air to mark the end of such training at this base.

Col. C. Giebel, commander of the school, said that the Dutch flag, when next raised, would fly over territory the Dutch and their allies have wrested from the invading Japs.

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Australians Made Voting Easy

When overseas soldiers get around to voting next November there's going to be a great deal of swearing. According to the compromise agreed upon by the joint Senate-House committee, and which will probably receive a Congressional okay, the fighting men overseas in order to vote on the simplified Federal ballot must:

1. Swear that they applied for a state ballot before September 1;
2. Swear that they had not received a state ballot by October 1;
3. Swear.

Any choice words overlooked by overseas servicemen will probably be used by those in the United States, who must rely on the whims of state legislatures in order to vote at all.

It looks like a record election for profanity.

In direct contrast to this red-tape-ensnared voting procedure is the system used by Australia. Australia designed a voting procedure for its Aussies on the theory that voting must be made as simple as possible for fighting men.

When Congress first started debate on the soldier vote bill Australia had already finished counting election returns in which over 10 per cent of the votes cast were cast by servicemen.

Australia made it simple for its fighting voters. It took the ballots to them. Through mud and rain, to training camps and fighting fronts, the electoral officials went with their boxes and ballots. When the final returns were in only a handful of eligible voters, who were at sea, hadn't cast their votes.

Zip Your Lip, Bud!

"Loose talk, mostly radiating from this city (Seattle), had enabled the Japs to withdraw thousands of men and quantities of material from Kiska last August to leave U. S. invading forces with a hollow victory tantamount to defeat."

The strong words were spoken recently by Maj. Albert J. Stowe, personal representative of Maj. Gen. Clayton Bissell, Army Intelligence chief.

According to Major Stowe the discussion of D-date, August 15, by civilian and military personnel made it possible for the Japs to withdraw. However, if they had chosen to implement their forces "they might have annihilated us."

Americans, safe in unbombarded, unattacked America, have grown careless. The "Button Your Lips" signs have lost their significance. Americans have forgotten that the information they dribble in bars, street cars and cafes can bring death to American fighting men thousands of miles from home.

Before you start one of those "this is strictly between you and I" chats with the girl friend or the folks back home remember that the next time the Japs may not decide to retreat.

Without Glamour

An American private in an English village pub remarked to one of this newspaper's reporters, Drew Middleton, that he didn't like to hear war "called fancy names." Other soldiers profanely agreed. They just didn't care to be called the "spearhead of democracy" or to be lectured on "honor" and "glory." They intended to do what they had to do, which was to "beat these Germans because it's gotta be done." They did not regard the prospect as romantic.

The very fact that the subject could come up reveals the chasm between the soldier and the civilian. The civilian, and for reasons that seem good to him, is prone to use the words the soldier doesn't like. The civilian has a sense of inferiority. Because of youth, age, bad eyesight, a weak heart or an essential occupation he is not asked to fight. The Army and Navy won't have him. So he has an easier time of it than the soldier. He is not to blame, but his conscience hurts him. Glorifying the soldier and the soldier's job makes him feel better. But to the soldier he seems to be saying: "Never mind the rain, mud, snow, dust, thirst, hunger, malaria, tedium and general discomfort; never mind the danger, the wounds, the pain; never mind the stink and horror—just fix you mind, you lucky devil, on the beautiful, glittering generalities."

The soldier is not thinking of generalities. He is thinking of how to get through the next day, hour, minute, how to keep on going, how to do what he has to do without getting killed. His is dirty, unhappy, dangerous work and, being human, he doesn't like it. More honor to him—but there we go; he doesn't care for honor as a word but only as an act. In the long years to come he may acquire perspective and realize that he and his dead comrades really were the spearhead of democracy and that their conduct was really honorable and glorious. But not now. He is too close to the fact.—The New York Times.

Axis Soldiers To Carry Identification Photos

WASHINGTON — The German High Command has ordered all members of the armed forces to carry identification photographs in their paybooks. The Nazi agency said this week in a wireless dispatch to German newspapers.

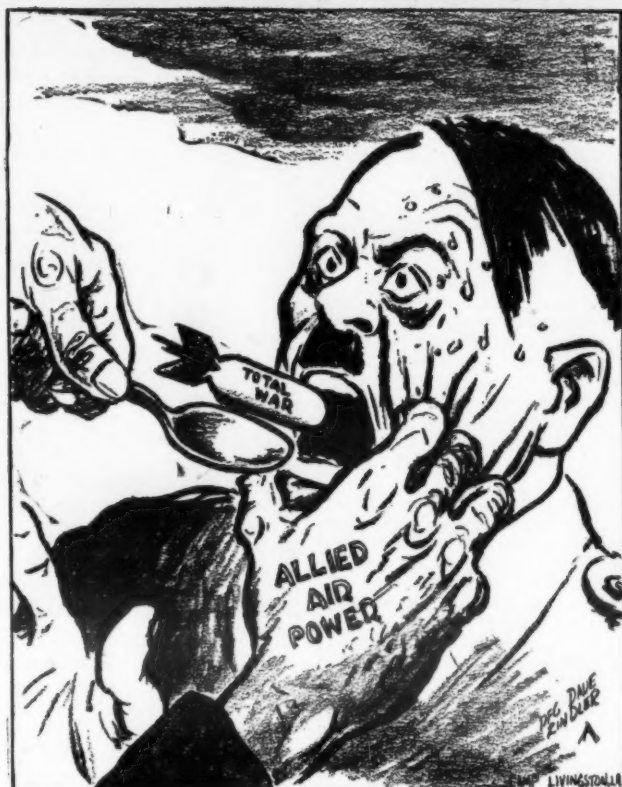
Members of the armed forces, the dispatch said, will be required to "identify themselves beyond doubt at any time by the photograph in the same way as any civilian." The picture is to be "half length and without headgear" and must bear the official stamp of the troop formation or depot, DNE added.

Britain Will Provide Homes For Soldiers

LONDON—Speaking to an Anglo-American Press Association, Lord Woolton, Minister of Reconstruction, said the British government was planning and would do its utmost to provide homes for the fighting men of the country after the war.

"We know our men want a home to come back to, and want that more than anything else," he said. "And that is what we are determined to give them at the earliest possible moment, when supplies of labor and material permit homes to be built. That is more important than all the noble schemes for reforming a new world."

A Dose of His Own Medicine!



Canada Has Working Plans To Care For Her Veterans

OTTAWA, Canada—Canada has already in operation a detailed plan of rehabilitation and demobilization benefits for its war veterans, both men and women.

With over 100,000 men and women discharged from its services since the country went to war in September, 1939, and 3000 veterans per month leaving the army, it is having an excellent opportunity to test these plans.

The basic idea behind Canada's plan is the provision of funds necessary to tide the veteran over the period of re-establishment into civil

life, rather than paying any lump sum at the time of discharge. However, before any member of the services is discharged, he or she receives one month's leave of absence with pay, to visit home and decide what branch of civilian life to enter.

Then he is given a month's rehabilitation pay. A private with no dependents draws about \$142, a married man without children about \$212, and a married man with three children about \$284. These are the minimum rates. Plus this is a clothing allowance of \$65. Single men and women also receive deferred pay, a percentage of their regular army pay which has been held in Canada to build up a nest-egg for the post-war period.

After discharge the veteran is entitled to post-discharge allowances—if needed—payable if he cannot find employment or is temporarily unable to work. Again, since Canada established employment insurance in 1941, he is entitled to full employment insurance with benefits which may have accrued to his account for the time spent in the armed services. More than 1200 veterans have already drawn unemployment insurance under these conditions.

Reinstatement Compulsory

In 1942 Canada passed a Compulsory Reinstatement Act which requires employers, subject to certain safeguards, to reinstate former employees who went into service in positions comparable to those they would have held had they not enlisted. This applies to Civil Service, as well as to civilian employers.

Because Canada is still largely an agricultural country a considerable part of its rehabilitation scheme is based on land settlement. Under its land settlement plans loans up to \$6,000 may be made to veterans to get them established on farms or small land holdings. Virtually the same condition applies to fishing. The veteran has 25 years to repay the loan, and during the first five years need pay only interest if he has hard going.

Subsistence benefits are provided for the veteran farmer and his family until his crops come in, and similar benefits are made to veterans who start their own businesses.

Provision For Education

Various arrangements have been made by which young veterans may take university courses, if they can qualify within 15 months of their discharge. The opportunity is given, at government cost, to fit them for careers.

Special training is being prepared for disabled veterans so they may be able to earn comfortable livings.

In addition to this Canada has set up a pension scheme for disabled veterans, with advisers and legal aids placed at strategic points throughout the Dominion.

Special Handling

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—The commanding officer of Co. A, RTC, in the Army Service Forces Training Center at this camp received an odd request this week. A man who was absent without leave wired: "Please forward mail care of General Delivery, Tallahassee." The commanding officer obliged by sending the mail with two MPs to make sure he received it.

Letters

Gentlemen:

In last week's issue of Army Times Pfc. Chester A. Park, age 56, of Fort Sill, Okla., was named the "oldest Pfc." in World War II.

I would like to enter another nominee for that sacred title: Pfc. Lee H. Fortier, QM Section, 1328th Service Unit, ASF, Camp Pendleton, Va. He is 57 and first enlisted in 1911. He fought in France in World War I with the 52nd Railway Artillery as a motorcycle dispatcher. He was in action 18 months and participated in three major offensives.

He was discharged in 1919 but reenlisted in 1922 for a tour of duty which included the Philippine Islands, Hawaii, Panama and Virginia Beach and service in the infantry, coast artillery, rail artillery and Quartermaster Corps.

Cpl. Sam Sushman
Editor, GI Gazette
Camp Pendleton, Va.

Gentlemen:

I see in your latest issue of Army Times that the 20th Armored Division set a record of 25 miles in 5 hours and 25 minutes.

I thought you would be interested to know that Pfc. Able, Co. C, 140th Infantry, Camp Howze, Tex., completed 25 miles, with full field equipment, including rifle, in 4 hours, 57½ minutes. During that time he took one five minute break.

S/Sgt. HOMER DALE
Co. B, 140th Inf.
Camp Howze, Tex.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed clipping from the "Sport's Chat" column stated that a cadet—James V. O'Connor—romped the 300 yard shuttle run in the most amazing time of 22.4 seconds. This time was either an oversight, misprint, he jumped the gun or do cadets take their physical fitness tests in P-40's?

It occurs to us that four men in the history of track have run the hundred yard dash in 9.4 seconds. (World Record Time, Official.)

Total any one of these three world record runs, set by three of the world's known greatest runners, and you will have a total of 282 seconds, which would equal a three-hundred dash. (Disregarding the shuttle phase of running.)

Is it possible to cover the 300-yard shuttle run in 22.4 seconds?

Sgt. Jos. P. McNeill
Pfc. Jack B. Kussmaul
B.T.C. 10, 302nd Wing
Greensboro, N. C.

(Wow! Army Times had shuttling O'Connor a combination Owen-Peacock-Tolan-Metcalf — only faster. Twenty seconds added will square the typographical error, noticed by sportsters McNeill and Kussmaul, Ed.)

Gentlemen:

It seems to me that nobody can claim to be the only originator of the name "jeep"—aside from Popeye's creator. Like many scientific inventions, the idea struck in many places about the same time. Army Times and Minneapolis-Moline should recognize that this probably happened to the jeep.

1. According to a former PRO at Ft. Knox, Ky., umpires rode in Army 4x4 command cars during the 1940 maneuvers. Since, like Popeye's "Eugene the jeep" the umpires were likely to turn up anywhere they were called "jeeps"; the command cars, "jeep wagons," later shortened to "jeeps."

2. The story that the name is derived from the initials "G. P." applied to several types of command cars, should not be so lightly disregarded. An official of the Ford Motor Co. told the writer in 1941 that "jeep" was a name commonly used by Ford workers for the high-riding command cars manufactured for the Army. The fact that jeep is spelled with a "j" rather than a "g" does not invalidate this theory—Popeye's jeep was so popular at the time that no one would have thought of spelling it any other way.

2nd Lt. Grady E. Clay, Jr.
PRO, 7886th Tank Bn.,
Camp Chaffee, Ark.

Gentlemen:

As a surgical technician in the Medical Department, 38 years old, I'm naturally interested in Army Times' items pertaining to us old gents. I was approved by an OCS board last summer and then turned 38. I'm in sound health and a high standard of mental and physical performance is expected of me. At the same time I'm "too old" to qualify as an officer candidate.

Does the business world fire its vice presidents when they hit forty? What do you do with your old editors as they approach middle age? Throw 'em to "Yank"?

Pfc. J. K. Shippen,
Winter General Hospital Detach.,
Topeka, Kans.

BRITISH SUBMARINES sank 14,335,000 tons of enemy shipping in 1943.

ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

Buddies of Cpl. Charles Henningan on **SECOND ARMY MANEUVERS** in Tennessee are holding their breath until he returns from a mission to Georgia. Henningan caught a skunk and made a pet of him. His company mates made him promise to "deskunk" the furry animal, but he was shipped off before the operation could be performed.

Chaplain James W. Richardson asked a patient in the station hospital at **CAMP BLANDING, Fla.**, what was his home state. "Brooklyn!" came the proud reply.

Lt. Paul R. Pope suggested to the men of his squadron at **SCOTT FIELD, Ill.**, that they drop a penny into a "cuss box" each time they swear. Last we heard the box had two cents in it—both contributed by Lieutenant Pope.

Give credit to the men of the 787th Tank Battalion at **CAMP CHAFFEE, Ark.**, for contributing the latest scheme for raising civilian morale. They are selecting the "Prettiest Waitress" in town. She will reign at a battalion dance.

On bivouac at **FORT BENNING, Ga.**, Lt. Sam DiBlasi, former Washington and Lee football star, was expecting an important telegram. He radioed regimental headquarters: "If you have a TG for Lt. DiBlasi, send it out at once." At midnight S/Sgt. Joe Sharke Sherkey drove into the bivouac area totting a 37 mm. anti-tank gun. "Here's that ATG you asked for," he reported.

How "Recoil," their canine mascot, covered the 400 miles from Ibis, Calif., to their new station at **CAMP COOKE, Calif.**, is still a mystery to the men of Company D, 42nd Tank Battalion, Eleventh Armored Division. When the outfit moved a two-hour search failed to locate "Recoil," but 24 hours after they arrived at Camp Cooke, he came trotting up the company street and reported at the orderly room.

Reversing the usual "lovely hostess" come-on, men of a battalion in the Engineer Replacement Training Center at **FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.**, advertised their forthcoming dance by placarding the WAC Detachment area with big signs proclaiming that "100 BEAUTIFUL MEN" would be present.

In one 10-day furlough 1st Sgt. Clark H. Hartford of **CAMP STEWART, Ga.**, visited his home at Port Arthur, Tex., and Washington, Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago. "I like to travel," he explained.

Just 10 minutes before train time, Pvt. John J. Hart of **CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.**, dropped a letter into a mailbox—he thought. But the envelope contained his midnight train ticket home on an emergency furlough. A hurried call to the local postoffice brought a clerk on the double and Hart made his train with seconds to spare.

T/5 James R. Wynn of **CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.**, is one of few—if not only—soldier in the Army to own a sewing machine. Wynn, who was an upholsterer in civilian life, is company tailor and in his spare time he sews on patches, shortens or lengthens trousers, etc., without charge.

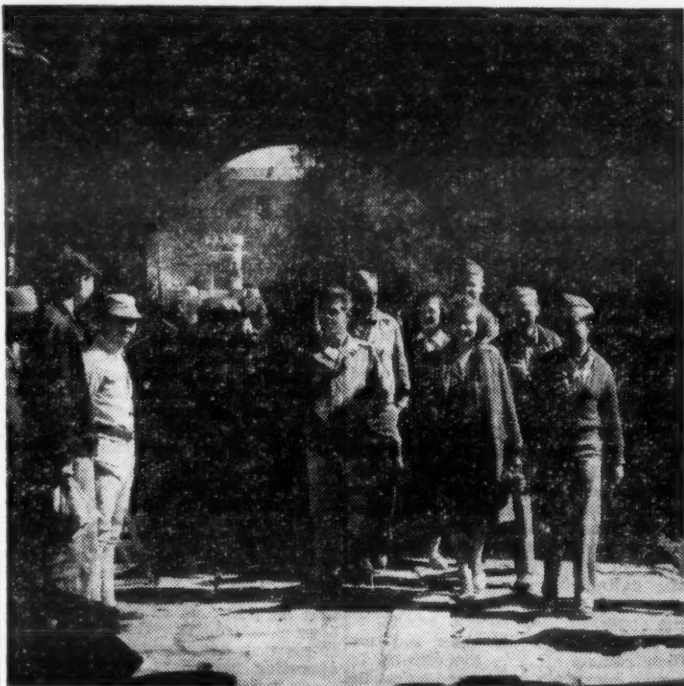
When Pvt. Albert Anson was stationed in the dreary Aleutians he promised: "I'll kiss the first WAC I see when I get back to the States." He met his first WAC last week at **CAMP WHITE, Ore.** His draw dropped when he saw the three stripes on the sleeve of Sgt. Rose Marie Gnaul. But he can report "Mission Accomplished" just the same.

"It pays to keep close to the ground," commented Pvt. Nathan Howard of **CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.**, when he completed the infiltration course again. Maybe I could hit the jackpot," he said.

When Pvt. Leo McNamara asked WAC Pvt. Leona Perry at a **GULF-FORT FIELD, Miss.**, dance, haven't we met somewhere before? "It wasn't just the old routine. It turned out

they were brother and sister, separated 13 years before.

Two prototypes of the hardy infantry are Pfc. Manuel Garcia and T/3 Tony Morales of **CAMP CLAI-BOURNE, La.** Morales completed a 25-mile hike one day and went out and did it the next day just to prove there was no mistake. Garcia, after a 30-mile hike, set out on a five-mile walk to a service club dance. He walked back from the dance, too. Pfc. Stanley R. Grosoff lost his pants right in public, but he just let them hang down around his legs and went not-so-nonchalantly about his business. His business: crawling through the infiltration course at **CAMP CROWDER, Mo.**



SOMEWHERE IN CHINA servicemen from the USA stroll through the streets of an old Chinese town on a tour arranged by American Red Cross recreation workers Kathryn Groves of Lexington, Ky., and Frances Weld of Aurora, N. Y. These tours give the GI's an opportunity to become acquainted with the country in which they are stationed.

Spanish-Language News Supplied GIs

HEADQUARTERS, P A N A M A CANAL DEPARTMENT—An interchange of news between Spanish-speaking Army personnel in the Antilles Department and the Panama Canal Department is scheduled by the Department Public Relations office here, Army officials revealed.

Three radio programs to be broadcast each week from the Armed Forces Radio Station will be in Spanish for insular troops serving at stations throughout the Caribbean area. The broadcasts will be a resume of news from the home communities of the Spanish-speaking soldiers and of activities of troop units here.

Local newspapers will carry a regular column devoted to news, in Spanish, from the native lands of the insular personnel while Puerto Rican newspapers will cooperate with news from Spanish-speaking troops in this area.

Gardens for PWs

WASHINGTON—Americans imprisoned in Germany are going to have their own "Victory Gardens." The Red Cross has sent them 648 garden kits plus other supplies.

Each kit contains three combinations hoes and weedeaters and 14 varieties of seeds.

Editor Says Nazis Set Up in Prisons

BALTIMORE—The Nazis have organized within German prison camps in the U. S. and they even have their own Gestapo which metes out punishment, including death, to PW's who show sympathy for democracy.

So charges Gerhart H. Seger of New York City, editor of a German language newspaper which is distributed in war prisoners' camps.

"Five German prisoners have been murdered by their colleagues already," Seger said. He added that "men have been beaten for reading my newspaper. One man was hanged for circulating the paper and expressing democratic opinions, but he was found and cut loose before it was too late."

Stimson Explains Army Policy On the Using of Negro Troops

WASHINGTON—The War Department this week denied that it discriminates against Negro troops in providing opportunities for combat or overseas service.

In reply to a query by Representative Fish of New York, as to why Negro troops are being used so generally in service units, with very few being used for combat duty, Secretary of War Stimson admitted that some combat units are being converted to service units.

But he said the change is being made solely for military purposes on the basis of economic use of manpower and without regard to race.

Selection of which troops are to be converted to service units has been based solely on the relative abilities, capabilities and status of training of the personnel in the units available for conversion, he said.

"It so happens that a relatively large percentage of the Negroes inducted into the Army have fallen within the lower education qualifications, and many of the Negro units accordingly have been unable to master efficiently the techniques of modern weapons. To have committed such units to combat at the dates of conversion would have endangered operational successes as well as have submitted the personnel to unnecessarily high casualty rates. Our limitations of manpower and urgent immediate need for service units of a type whose missions could be efficiently discharged by the personnel concerned left no choice but to include Negro troops in conversions

"Concerning the use of Negro troops overseas, our general policy is to maintain the same ratio between Negro and White troops overseas as exist in the Army as a whole. I am sure you realize, however, that it is impracticable to maintain a uniform ratio of races to branches of service in all theaters."

In conclusion, Mr. Stimson declared:

"The War Department has every intention of continuing its past efforts to make the best possible use of its available manpower in the prosecution of the war without regard to race, religion, color, or other unmilitary considerations."

Later at his press conference, Secretary Stimson said that Negro off-

cers of two units being converted to duty with the service forces and specifically involved in the discussion, the 930th and 931st Field Artillery Battalions, will be transferred to field artillery units in the Negro 92nd Infantry Division, where they will replace white officers.

Ball One!

WASHINGTON—Baseball fan 1st Lt. Alfred W. Pezzella, Newton, Mass., believes in applying the language of the game to his present occupation as bombardier in the 15th Air Forces.

On a bombing run over Messina, Sicily, a shell burst directly in front of the plane. A fragment ripped through the glass nose, tore past his feet and blew the leg off the navigator's table near his elbow.

With his eyes still glued to the bombsight, Lieutenant Pezzella reported: "Ball one, low and inside."



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Corporal Dana was leading an Infantry patrol when suddenly it came under the fire of Germans in two armored personnel carriers. Corporal Dana was carrying a bazooka and immediately opened fire with it. He knocked out one carrier and made a hit on the other.

Just then an enemy tank, supported by riflemen, appeared and opened fire on the patrol. Dana passed his bazooka to one of his men and seized a rifle. Alternately firing and crawling, he moved up to within 10 yards of the hostile tank. There he began throwing grenades, killing one and wounding several of the enemy.

The enemy riflemen scrambled into the tank to escape him. Immediately, the man to whom Dana had given his bazooka opened fire on the tank. The tank quickly turned tail and withdrew, with Dana and his patrol in pursuit.

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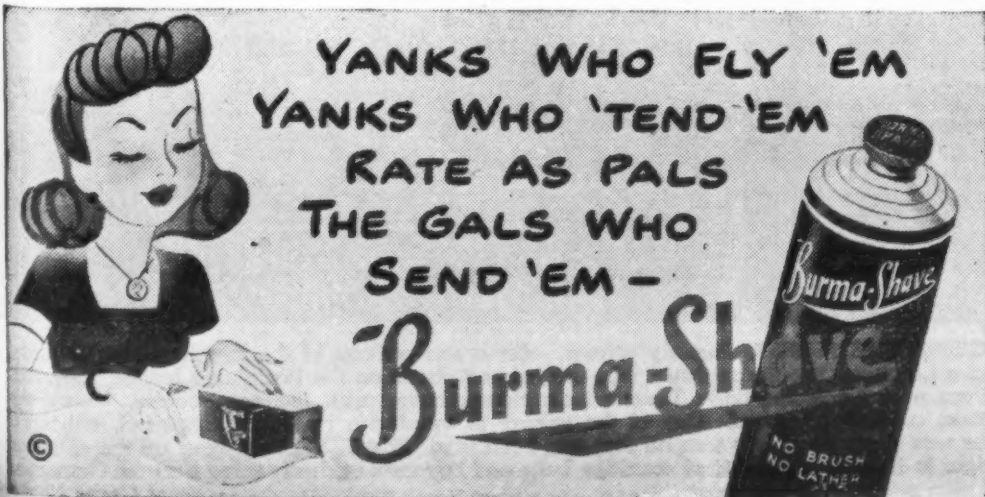
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School at Sam Houston New MP Is Taught To Understand GI's

By T/5 Patrick J. McDonnell
FORT SAM HOUSTON, Tex.—From now on, GIs are going to get extra special treatment at the hands of the military police. The typical, old Army MP—who unfortunately had a reputation for being a "tough guy"—is "out," says the Army.

Here at the reception center at Fort Sam Houston, the Army's oldest post, the Eighth Service Com-

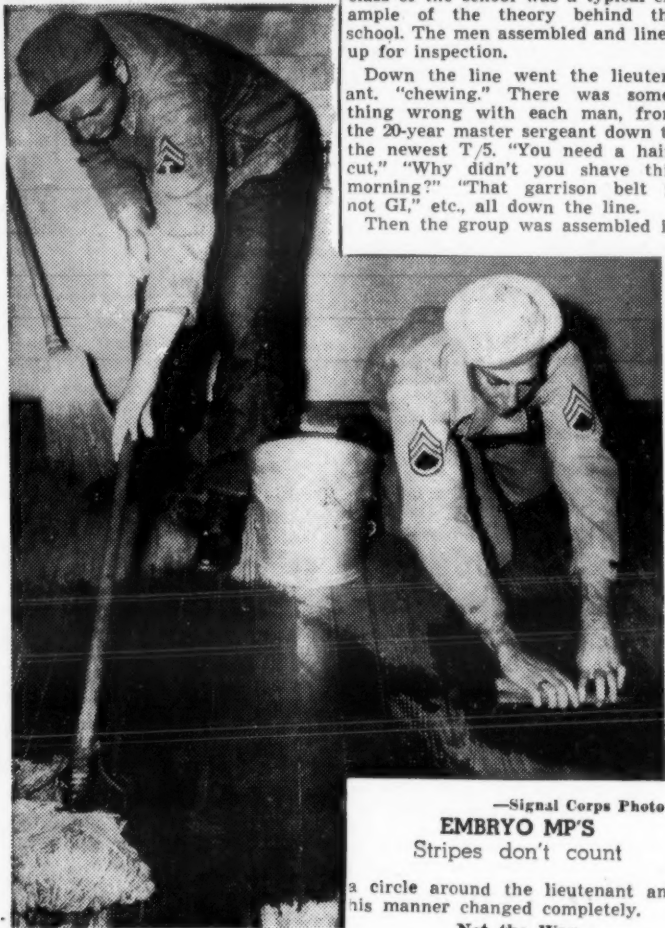
many stripes you wear on your arm. Two corporals aid him as instructors, and they too reign supreme during class hours.

Senior instructor of the school is 1st Lt. Jack Nockbee, who spent 18 years as a sergeant before being commissioned. He knows the Army and the soldier's point of view.

The first formation of the current class of the school was a typical example of the theory behind the school. The men assembled and lined up for inspection.

Down the line went the lieutenant, "chewing." There was something wrong with each man, from the 20-year master sergeant down to the newest T/5. "You need a haircut," "Why didn't you shave this morning?" "That garrison belt is not GI," etc., all down the line.

Then the group was assembled in



—Signal Corps Photo
EMBRYO MP'S
Stripes don't count

a circle around the lieutenant and his manner changed completely.

Not the Way

"Fellows, I want you to know that I am not really the kind of fellow I seemed in that inspection. A lot of you have been non-coms so long that you may have forgotten how it feels to have someone jump on you for minor infractions of regulations. I just wanted to refresh your memory as to how it feels. And I wanted to show you that, as future MP's, this is NOT the way we want you to treat soldiers."

So, from now on, the ordinary GI, according to Army officials, is to be able to look upon the MP as his friend, to look upon the MP as a man sent out to help the soldier in every way possible. If the soldier does his part, and behaves himself, there need be no fear of an MP.

Shevlin Refuses To Be Discharged for Keeps

COLUMBUS, O.—He almost anked his way out of the armed forces, but not quite. Stanley Shevlin, now 18 years old, joined the Army in 1941 when he was just 16. But maneuvers in Hawaii showed he had a bad ankle, so he was sent back to the States and given a medical discharge.

Just after Pearl Harbor, young Shevlin persuaded the Marines that he was OK and he enlisted in the Gyrenes—but again the ankle went bad and he got medical discharge number two.

One month later, in September, 1942, Shevlin tried the Navy, passed the physical, served on an aircraft carrier, became an aerial gunner and had to bail out of the plane he was riding in. When he hit the ground, bang went the ankle again and he was given his third discharge.

But now he's back again. After treating the lame ankle, Shevlin got his draft board to classify him as 1-A, he was called, and the Navy now has him again.

Esquire Post Office Booklet Available

WASHINGTON, D. C.—All you GI's who believe that Varga girls are morale and not immoral wanna sit right down and write "Esquire" for its "Post Office Booklet."

Sounds a little like a book of games, but actually it's "Esquire's" side of the dispute in which it was involved with the U. S. Post Office Department a month or so ago. Copies are gratis—just write to the magazine at 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 11, Illinois.

His Invasion Menu Included Hot Rolls, Pie

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY—Hot rolls, apple cobbler, and cherry pie, besides hot coffee and the usual Army rations, composed the menu for laboring, sweat-soaked shore Engineers when they landed with the first Fifth Army invaders on the Anzio-Nettuno beachhead.

The hard-working Engineers consider their cook, Cpl. Robert Fiedler, Lakewood, Ohio, a hero. But Corporal Fiedler puts it all down to experience.

"Our outfit has made numerous other invasions, and I learned this bakery idea from past experience," he said.

"It took plenty of preparation before the invasion. I made several extra trips to food dumps and had plenty of flour saved up for the trip. I knew the boys would like something special when we landed on those beaches. They work twice as hard during the early days of an invasion, so there is no reason why they shouldn't have a few extra treats."

MPs Could Control Delinquents, Judge Tells Congress

WASHINGTON—A Senate Judiciary subcommittee this week heard the proposal that MP's and SP's be used to break up juvenile delinquency involving servicemen and young girls of the "bobby sox" variety.

Judge Walter H. Beckham of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of Miami, Fla., made the suggestions and said that it had been approved in a resolution by the National Sheriff's Association.

Beckham condemned the "indifference" of military police in checking the dating of young girls by soldiers and sailors, men who "know the ropes."

"If the MP's would show and use their control all over the country it would constitute a big reduction in the delinquency problem," he said. "There is no reason why the military police should not be as much interested in protecting teen-age girls as they are the soldiers."

The judge also advocated a curfew for servicemen in cities near military camps, as well as for children on city streets.

Loose Talk Gave Japs Tipoff On Kiska Attack

SEATTLE, Wash.—Maj. Albert J. Stowe, personal representative of Maj. Gen. Clayton Bissell, Army Intelligence chief, said that week that "loose talk, mostly radiating from this city, had enabled the Japs to withdraw thousands of men and quantities of material from Kiska last August to leave U. S. invading forces with a hollow victory tantamount to defeat."

"It was common knowledge that we planned to attack Kiska," Major Stowe said, "and before the invasion, unauthorized persons, both military and civilian, discussed the D-date, August 15."

"As a result the Japs knew we were coming and got out voluntarily. So accurately and so far in advance were the Japs tipped off," Major Stowe said, "that had they chosen to implement their forces they might have annihilated us."



GERMAN PRISONERS, formerly snipers, offer a sad contrast to the two American soldiers of a paratroop infantry regiment who are holding pistols on the Nazis after having captured them near Acciarella, Italy. These snipers played havoc with the paratroopers, wounding them as they advanced. One of the snipers is wearing a Red Cross armband, although he was captured with a weapon that had been fired. The U. S. paratrooper on the extreme right is holding a number of cartridge belts and bayonets evidently taken from the Germans.

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LIFE AT THE FRONT

Reports On Fighting Men
From All Over The World

Ski Meet In Italy

ON A MOUNTAIN TOP IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA—While the skis were scarce—only two pairs of undersized underwaxed ones available, and only an inch or so of hard crust spread very thickly over the two miles of winding trail—the ski-champion of the American Army was decided here. He is S/Sgt. Gordon Wren, of Steamboat Springs, Colo. The names of the competitors would have drawn thousands to any ski meet back home. There were T/Sgt. Peter Fringsheim, of Princeton, N. J., star of the German national ski team of 1932, and hater of Hitler; Sgt. Fred Peiren, former Swiss Alpine guide and Swiss Army Skitrooper; Lt. Bob Weldon, chief ranger on Mount Rainier; former national champion Lt. H. E. Ling, and T/5 George Woods, of Hanover, N. H. Wren, the winner, is holder, for the duration, of the Sun Valley Harrier Cup, won in 1942. He has beaten most American skiers on most of the famed courses in the United States. Sgt. Wren was also acclaimed yodeling champion of the Army, when his "Oh-Lay-He-Who" bounced back four or five times more than Sergeant Peiren's.

Fire-fighters at Front

AT A NAVAL BASE IN NORTH AFRICA—Lt. Edward J. Gaughan of the Boston Fire Department, with six other officers and 75 men, make up a body of professional fire-fighters brought overseas to instruct the Navy in the art of combating blazes on ships. When they came here they brought a million dollars worth of equipment to fight fires which might occur during invasions. At Naples the seagoing fire department conquered the flames on a merchant ship after fighting for 55 hours. They learned subsequently that 95 per cent of the cargo had been salvaged. Now Gaughan and 17 of his men are stationed at a naval operating base here. Besides being ready for duty they are instructing classes of 35 men six days a week. For a fire-boat the Navy has converted an LCM (landing boat, mechanized.) It is equipped with a two-way radio, pumps which will produce more than 2,000 gallons per minute and foam extinguishers.

Memorable Minutes

ON THE CASSINO FRONT—The average infantryman doesn't worry a great deal about enemy fire any more. But five of them here spent a few minutes they won't readily forget with a German shell which came through the roof of the house in which they were bivouaced and landed in the center of the floor. "Well, what'll we do with it?" asked one. "Wait till it cools," suggested another. Five minutes later two of them picked up the supposed dud, carried it to the window and dropped it. The explosion which followed knocked all five off their feet.

Appropriate Use

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY—A station hospital unit, taking over store rooms in one of the captured towns, found a stock of 200 Nazi flags of the usual red with a white center on which was the black Axis swastika. Warrant Officer Albert Kanter, of New York City, tells, with a chuckle, of the use made of them. "We tore them up, used the red sections for aprons and the white center for bar-

ber towels," he explained. "The swastikas? Oh, we used them to cover 'Flying Fortresses.' He then explained that "Flying Fortress" is hospital terminology for bed pans.

Luxury in a Foxhole

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY AT CASSINO—"It's got everything but hot and cold running water," said Sgt. Laurel Bergman of the captured German pillbox where he had installed his field switchboard. Typical of the German fortifications in this area, the pillbox indicated that Jerry had planned to hold this line all winter. A foot lever pumped fresh air in through a ventilator and another lever opened the slot for the machine guns. There were seats so that the Germans could shoot, stand up and squirt through their periscopes to see what damage they had done, and sit down again for further firing. The pillbox was camouflaged so well that it couldn't be seen from the valley even with field glasses. And an inch-and-a-half of steel plate and layers of concrete and heavy rock protected it from everything but a direct hit.

Two Harvests

NAMUR ISLAND IN THE MARSHALLS—The Japs who had inhabited this island had the equivalent of an American Victory Garden. Most of the rest of the Jap work was smashed up by naval bombing before the invasion, but one thing missed by the bombs was a good-sized crop of peas, which were at their best when the marines took the place over.

Unsolved Mystery

SAN PIETRO, Italy—A cave on the outskirts of this town, explored immediately after the place had been taken by bloody assault, revealed a mystery which has not yet been solved. The predominance of dirty Axis uniforms and equipment suggested that it had been occupied by German soldiers. But with these were turned up a nearly new American baseball glove, and, with many other letters, a spicy one from a mid-west American girl, written only a few weeks previous.

A General Jumped In

SALEERNO—A Nazi tank, spitting out its fuzzy orange muzzle blast, was coming down the road headed for the 36th Division Command Post. Nothing stood before it but a 105-mm. howitzer, which took up the duel. The gun crew worked desperately to feed the gun but needed another cannoneer because the eighth man of the crew had broken his leg in the landing. "And then," Sgt. T. J. Ahl, Minneapolis, gun group commander, tells, "a one-star general jumped in and gave us a hand. The gun was sliding back into the ditch after every round and he pulled like hell with us to get it out. He stood by us all the way through though the tank was getting nearer. At 200 yards the seven GI's and the general finally stopped the tank, which exploded with the third hit. Later, when the threat was over and the gun crew was pulling out, the division staff, from general on down, lined up and saluted them. I found out later," Sergeant Ahl relates, "that it was Brig. Gen. Miles A. Cowles. I don't remember whether I gave him any orders. If I did he took 'em. I was too busy to remember what I did."

mand has in operation a school for non-coms designed to train MP's who can see the soldier's side of things.

Model Center for Model School

The reception center at Fort Sam Houston is one example in itself of the new theory for handling soldiers.

Commanding officer of the reception center and supervisor of the school is Col. T. G. Gottschalk. The colonel's door is always wide open, and enlisted men need no permission to take their troubles directly to the commanding officer. This policy is carried out throughout the command.

The reception center grounds are among the most picturesque of any Army installation. New arrivals are told at the first opportunity that there are two things the commanding officer will not tolerate: anyone walking on his grass, or walking on his soldiers.

"Remember," Colonel Gottschalk has said, "the soldier has his side too. We want to teach MP's the soldier's side and emphasize that the soldier is a human being, and is to be treated accordingly."

Firm but Courteous

The new MP's, the colonel said, are being taught to be firm, but courteous. There will be no relaxation of enforcement, it was emphasized. The difference will come in the approach the MP uses.

In the MP school at Fort Sam Houston, a group of men selected from throughout the Eighth Service Command are being schooled in the theory that it is far better to maintain peace and quiet—to help the soldier out of trouble—than it is to make an arrest.

There are more stripes gathered together in this class room than you would find in the Non-Com Club in Little Rock on Saturday night.

But during the month-long course in the training of a "psychological MP" there is no rank. The man with six stripes sleeps next to the man wearing a T/5. He pitches in and does his share of mopping the barracks and cleaning the windows for inspection, and he takes his turn right along with the corporal when it comes to charge of quarters duty and serving as "room orderly."

Learn Discipline Over

Discipline being probably the most important factor in the training of any soldier for any duty, the new MP learns it all over again from the bottom up. A buck sergeant, R. S. Sego, is first sergeant of the school, and his word is law, no matter how

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TO BLOCK THE DOCKS, Nazis at Anzio, Italy, planned to blast nearby buildings, but their plans were frustrated by the Americans, whose amphibious invasion captured the town. This photo shows how houses at the water front were prepared for the explosions which never came off.

—Signal Corps Photo

German PWs Rebuild Theater, Produce Own Plays, Musicales

CAMPBELL, Ky.—German prisoners of war, who during the day may be seen pulling corn or working in the tobacco fields of southern Kentucky, return in the evening to the Prisoner of War compound here and a world of make-believe.

Under the direction of a German sergeant, in their leisure hours, they have enlarged and remodelled a lit-

tle theater of some 250 seats. They have already produced six musical comedies and concerts.

The shows are all musical and humorous—nothing serious or heavy is permitted. Now in rehearsal is "Carnival of Love," and a beautiful billboard, with colorful pictures and tricky wording, advertises it in the compound. Only 10 days are allowed for whipping a show into shape.

With tedious labor, the prisoners have elevated the seats in the little theater row by row. Their stage is modern with a revolving platform, and underneath they have built dressing rooms and a store room for costumes and scenery. They all chip in to pay their scene painter, a professional artist back in Germany, a small fee for his time spent.

An orchestra pit has been dug and here a small but serious master sergeant waves a hand-made baton. The 15 musicians sit behind music stands and lights, professional looking but made of discarded boxes. Orchestration is bought by the Special Service officer from small profits made by the Germans' own canteen. Musical instruments also were purchased from the canteen fund.

Arrangements are made by the German musicians who, incidentally, have cultivated a real taste for swing. Their audiences liked best a scene from one recent show featuring "Pistol Packin' Mama."

Draws Enemy Fire To Prove Point

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY—It's hard to convince some fellows, but S/Sgt. Samuel A. Wellborn of Bradley, Ark., proved his point.

While flying an Artillery observation plane over the Fifth Army front recently, Sergeant Wellborn sighted a German personnel carrier and radioed its position to his fire direction center.

"Are you sure it's German?" his receiver crackled.

"Am I sure?" replied Wellborn. "Hang on a minute and I'll show you!"

Leaving his transmitter open, he put his frail craft into a dive at the truck, and was greeted by fire from the vehicle as he came within range. The Artillery outfit had heard the whole procedure. Convinced of the carrier's identity, they fired and knocked it out.

Not One V-Mail Letter Has Been Lost to Date

WASHINGTON—Not a single V-Mail letter of the 200 million sent overseas has been lost, the Army and Navy Post Offices announced. During two months in 1943, at the height of the ship sinkings in the Atlantic, 30 per cent of the ordinary mail sent overseas was lost. But V-Mail letters will always be delivered because the original letters are not destroyed until the film on which the letters are recorded arrives at its overseas destination, is developed and the letters delivered.

When the Pan-American clipper was lost at Lisbon last year, the 300,000 V-Mail letters aboard were the only part of the cargo salvaged. The letters, which were carried on rolls of film, were immediately reproduced and flown overseas.

New Type Battalion Of Engineers Train At Camp Claiborne

CAMP CLAIBORNE, La.—The first two of a number of Engineer construction battalions to be trained at the Engineer Unit Training Center have been activated here.

They are a new type with ratings and equipment similar to aviation engineer battalions. They will contain Negro personnel.

Their mission will be combat construction and the supervision of local labor and they will be armed with enough heavy weapons to protect themselves while working in isolated areas without security from other troops.

The percentage of ratings is high. For instance, a battalion is commanded by a lieutenant colonel, has 17 master sergeants, four first sergeants, 37 technical sergeants, 35 corporals, 110 technicians fourth grade, eight technicians third grade, 324 technicians fifth grade, 119 privates first class and 203 privates.

Their equipment will include 10 D-8 tractors third echelon repair shop, earth augers, air compressors, rollers and scrapers.

Overseas Soldier Troupes Given Latest Play Scripts

WASHINGTON—The plays of leading playwrights are now available for overseas soldier theatrical shows through the Special Services Division, Army Air Forces, the War Department announced this week.

Through an arrangement of the Committee on Scripts for Soldier and Sailor Shows, Writers' War Board, and the Entertainment Section of Special Services, manuscripts are modified, edited and adapted to the needs and preferences of the troops.

Stage shows, with a minimum of equipment, scenery, props and costumes and improvised lighting, are a major form of entertainment in rear echelons, rest camps and among combat units. Soldier theatricals are of such morale value that troupes are permitted by some commanders to play one-night stands for other units in nearby areas. Adaptations of the plays are done by Special Service officers and the authors.

Current selections include: Robert E. Sherwood's "There Shall Be No Night" and "Abe Lincoln in Illinois"; "Arsenic and Old Lace" by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse; Eugene O'Neill's one-act plays of the sea; "The Male Animal" by Elliott Nu-

Yank Is 'Johnny' In Persian Gulf

PERSIAN GULF AREA — It's "Johnny, Johnny" everywhere in the Persian Gulf Area these days.

To the American soldiers stationed there, the local inhabitants are "Johnny."

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All in all, according to 2nd Lt. Abe M. Bloom, Transportation Corps, Chicago, a cargo and security officer on a Liberty ship "Johnny" has become as common as "Tommy" in Rudyard Kipling's famous lines:

"It's Tommy this and Tommy that, and Tommy go away, But it's thank you, Mr. Atkins, when the band begins to play."

Lieutenant Bloom declares Mr. Kipling's lines, adapted to the Persian Gulf Area today, might well read:

"It's Johnny this, and Johnny that, and Johnny won't you stay, For he's Santa to the natives there when Johnny gets his pay."

Mrs. FDR Tells GIs . . .

Economic Security Is Greatest Stake

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt declared this week in a special message to Signal Corps officers and men here that America's greatest stake in this war is the establishment of "economic security to our soldiers on their return to civilian life" and for the nation.

In addition, the First Lady warned, "We cannot have peace permanently unless we begin to give hope to the world of a better economic status" in which there is "more collective security through the use of a collective police force."

"If these objectives are attained," she added, "these years which you are giving to the service of your country will not be wasted years."

Praises Program

Praising the high enrollment in the Fort Monmouth Off-Duty Education Program as one "which will be of value to the students not only now, but in the post-war period," Mrs. Roosevelt stated our first objective is the defeat of the Axis.

"However, we have a far greater stake than that in the war," she added. "This country has from the beginning, been an experiment in self-government and we have tried to shape our government so that it will give the average citizen the best possible standard of living."

"That is why we thought out so carefully the beginning of a system of social security through the years of the financial depression. That is why we must now think not only of measures which will give economic security to our soldiers on their return to civilian life, but we must think of the economy which will continue to give us, as a nation, the benefits for which we have worked and fought since our government was established."

Think on World Basis

Declaring, "We are going to have to think on a world basis instead of on a national basis to attain our objectives," Mrs. Roosevelt pointed out Americans are fighting to help

shape a world in which our democracy can function to give security and best possible living standards. Then she added:

"Peace is a prerequisite to solving these problems, but we cannot have peace permanently unless we begin to give hope to the world of a better economic status. If we set up machinery which will make political understanding easier and therefore give more collective security through the use of a collective police force, these years which you are giving to the service of your country will not be wasted years."

Pinedale Dunkers Put Away 3,600 'Sinkers' A Day

CAMP PINEDALE, Cal.—While three out of every 10 soldiers eat two doughnuts a day, and two out of 10 eat 12 doughnuts a day, GIs at Camp Pinedale, Cal., eat 3,600 every 24 hours!

This is the finding of a conscientious scholarly poll conducted by the staff of Camp Pinedale's "Interceptor." To establish this conclusion, a special group of men were segregated and required to do only light work. They were allowed to stop for coffee and doughnuts whenever they wanted to, although, of course, no one tried to make them eat doughnuts if they didn't want any.

To meet this all-time cruller consumption, Camp Pinedale's PX installed a Doughnut Corporation of America automatic doughnut cutting and cooking machine which can turn out 35 dozen sinkers in an hour. The doughnut machine is definitely on a pay-as-you-go basis: for each pound of D. C. of A. prepared flour the machine uses, an extra cent is paid toward the cost of the machine. In ten days, the machine uses 1400 pounds of flour, and chalks up \$14.00 toward its purchase price.

As a final conclusion, the "Interceptor" suggests that as soon as portable cruller cookers become standard equipment, epics of the war will have such titles as "Through Darkest Africa with Gun and Cruller" or "Sinkers Away . . . a Navy Diary."

Casualties in Italy Are 36,771—5,061 Killed

WASHINGTON — Latest available figures show that 36,771 American Army casualties have been suffered in Italy since the opening of the campaign, Secretary of War Stimson announced at his press conference this week.

They are divided as follows: 5,061 killed, 21,788 wounded, 9,922 missing. Mr. Stimson pointed out that these totals are always two or three weeks behind the fighting.



PVT. LEO T. KEAHEY, Eden, Ala., proudly exhibits the 122-pound leopard he shot near a U. S. Army training center in India.

—Signal Corps Photo

Veterans Say Hate Not Needed To Fight Well

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—That United Nations forces can fight efficiently, with or without the psychological factor of hate, is indicated by three versions of the fighting on three widely separated fronts as told by an officer and two men who were engaged in some of the most vicious fighting of the war.

Their views on whether Allied soldiers fight with hatred or objectivity support the belief that emotion spurs the effort of the forces fighting in smaller groups, while larger battles tend to diminish the personal element.

Different Views

Different views of the enemy were presented by Capt. Robert C. Dan-

ser, who commanded a Signal company on Guadalcanal; Pvt. Charles Rieser, who was an ambulance driver in the American Field Service with Montgomery in the African desert fighting, both of whom are now at Central Signal Corps School here, and Pfc. Russell Haight, who fought with the British in France and went on Commando raids. Haight is preparing to become a basic instructor here.

"British Tomnies with Montgomery in the African desert pushes didn't show hatred for the enemy," says Rieser. "The enemies there were the desert's dust and heat that choked you, the insects in your food, the discomfort of tired muscles and lack of sleep—and there was Jerry, too. But Jerry was just another of the obstacles in your path. You thought of him unemotionally, as something to get out of your way, very much as you thought of those other barriers to your comfort and your peace of mind. The men who fought there were more like professional soldiers with the professional soldier's attitudes toward war and the rules of war."

Angry with Japs

With the Jap it was different. Most of the men in the Infantry division with whom Captain Dan-ser's Signal company fought on Guadalcanal had been at Pearl Harbor. They were angry about the war, and the officer believes that sometimes they killed more Japs because of their anger. He recalls that the Army men with whom he was associated sought out and killed a hated enemy—returning the hatred they knew the Japs felt for Americans. Memories of Pearl Harbor as well as the feeling of Jap hatred for the white races made them feel emotion when they fought.

At Dieppe the Commandos hunted Germans with something of the same hatred. Hand-to-hand fighting the Commando way demanded anger and stealth. Haight, who joined the Canadians early in the war and won the British Military Medal for his performance in the Dieppe raid, says most of the Commandos trained under Lord Louis Mountbatten found it easy to get mad—they had been under the bombing of English cities. The Commandos' swift thrusts made the human enemy the object of their concentrated attention. The cold fury with which one Commando strangled four German sentries with a piece of piano wire left an impression on Haight he will never forget.

Jet-Propulsion Planes Eliminate Usual Prop Drag

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Information on the new jet propulsion plane was released last week in an article in "Air Force" by Capt. Ezra Kotcher of the AAF engineering division.

Implying that the plane is not yet ready for combat duty, Captain Kotcher explains that its high speed is possible because the air compression created by speeds above 450 miles an hour is felt on the propeller of a standard plane long before it is felt on the wings.

Substituting a jet propulsion unit eliminates the air drag of the propeller and allows a speed which is greater than propeller-driven speeds "by about 100 miles an hour for the immediate future."

The plane is not rocket-driven but operates "by means of an external source of power which turns a turbo-compressor a few seconds. The compressor discharges air from its diffuser section into the combustion chambers. Fuel is injected into the chambers and ignited. The heated gases in the chambers expand and flow through the turbine to develop power to drive the compressors.

"The gases, still above atmospheric pressure and hot, flow from the turbine into a tailpipe; then a final pressure drop takes place through a restriction—or nozzle—which greatly increases the velocity of the gases and thereby creates the momentum increase to develop the engine's propulsive thrust. . . Anything that burns, from kerosene to Napoleon brandy, can be used" as fuel.

Amphibian Tractors Solving Problem of Beach Landings

FORT ORD, Calif.—Officers and men returning here from the South Pacific say that the new Amphibian tractors will change the entire course of the war in that area and will go a long way toward shortening the conflict and saving many lives.

It appears that the tough problem of getting manpower onto hundreds of beaches now held by the Japs has been largely solved by the advent of the new craft.

Made History

The new tractors have already made history at Makin, Tawara, Arawa and New Britain.

At Makin, for instance, the only approach for regular craft was through a small "gate" near the northwest corner. Most of the rest

of the island was surrounded by a reef and with continuous heavy surf.

Opened the Gate

The Japs evidently figured the Allies would attempt to take their force through the "gate," figuring that the surf was impassable. But the American forces, using the amphibians, swept through the surf to a point south of the gate, knocked out the weak Jap defenses there and opened the "gate," so troops were able to pass into the lagoon and land under ideal conditions. Had it not been for the amphibians the Makin adventure, which as we know, wound up a distinct success, might have ended in tragic failure.

The amphibians used in training here have been sent out and made landings through surf measuring from 16 to 20 feet. The men are tossed around badly, but the amphibians keep on going, against surf conditions that veteran Navy men say are impossible.

The men who crew the ships of the amphibian unit here have been specially picked for their job, which is a far cry from the foot-slogging ones of infantry days. But they soon get the hang of it and like it.

Chemical Squad Sets Record With Mortar

EDGEWOOD ARSENAL, Md.—In a routine demonstration of the 4.2-inch chemical mortar for Army officers, five Negro soldiers of the Fifth Chemical Company established a new record for speed, the War Department reported this week. The five-man squad fired 20 rounds in 32 seconds. The 4.2-inch mortar is used to fire both smoke and high explosive shells.

This squad was composed of Sgt. Arthur Hayes, of Port Arthur, Tex.; Pfc. Charlie Wilson, of Ward, Ala.; Pfc. Edward James, of Chicago; Pfc. Moses Oliver, of Summerton, S. C.; and Pvt. T. P. Warren, of Fort Pierce, Fla.



WHILE one member of a mortar crew rests, the other man of the team remains alert at their mortar position on Mt. Porchia, set up to defend the rear of other attacking companies assaulting Mt. Trocchio, last German resistance before Cassino. These are infantrymen of the 36th Division in Italy.

—Signal Corps Photo

Jap Too Accurate Says Yank Who Escaped Grenade

WASHINGTON—Pvt. Joseph E. Ayotte of Van Buren, Maine, who has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, believes he is alive because the aim of a grenade-throwing Jap was too accurate, the War Department related this week.

Assigned to protect an advancing tank unit from land mines on a South Pacific island, Private Ayotte preceded the tanks and, in addition to locating enemy mines, pointed out Jap pillbox targets to tank gunners, for which action he was awarded the Silver Star.

The infantryman suddenly was struck in the back with a Jap-thrown hand grenade. As it ricocheted, the soldier and the deadly missile hit the ground simultaneously. Fragments of the grenade flew harmlessly over the doughboy's prostrate form.

Had the grenade fallen slightly short of him, it would have exploded in such a manner as to kill or seriously wound him, but the warning he was given as it struck enabled him to save himself.

WACs Transferred To General Staff

WASHINGTON—The Office of the Director, Women's Army Corps, was transferred this week from the jurisdiction of the Commanding General, Army Service Forces, to the War Department General Staff, the War Department announced.

Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, Director of the WAC, is being assigned to the General Staff to facilitate the carrying out of her duties. Certain of her staff, in turn, will be assigned to Personnel (G-1), Organization and Training (G-3), and Supply (G-4) Divisions of the War Department General Staff to handle matters pertaining to the Women's Army Corps under policies and plans for which those Divisions are responsible.

There will be no change in the duties assigned by the Army to Colonel Hobby, the War Department stated. As Director she is and will continue to be responsible for the plans and policies for the utilization and well-being of the WAC, the plans and policies for procurement, reception, classification, training and assignment of WAC personnel, and the inspection of WAC units, detachments and individuals assigned to the Army Ground Forces, the Army Air Forces and the Army Service Forces.

McCoy War Bond Show Collected \$12 Million

CAMP MCCOY, Wis.—"It's the McCoy," Camp McCoy's war bond show, which played to 22 Wisconsin cities, concluded its tour last week with a record of having sold nearly \$12,000,000 in war bonds.

Four "million dollar" houses were among the capacity throngs which cheered the McCoy soldier-musicians. Citations were received from Sec. of Treasury Morgenthau, from civic and military authorities throughout the 6th service command, and from persons who attended the shows.

Requirements for Majority Raised

WASHINGTON—To be eligible for promotion to major an officer must now serve at least nine months as captain, according to a change in Army Regulations (AR 65-12, Feb. 3, 1944). Previous requirement was six months service as captain.

Sergeant Who Saved Platoon Rescued by Younger Brother

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA—Sgt. Joseph E. Priest, 29, saved his platoon from a trap laid by Japanese snipers at Arawe, New Britain, and then was saved himself by his younger brother, Pvt. William Priest, 20. The brothers, from Ashdown, Ark., were among the first Sixth Army troops to land on Arawe in December, 1943.

After the beach had been taken, Sergeant Priest and 50 other men started off on Christmas Day "to blast some Japs out of a cave."

Sergeant Priest tells the story: "We started down a trail with a couple of trucks. Everything was so peaceful that I suspected an ambush and warned the men we'd better go slow. I kept my eyes open and am I ever glad I did.

"Peering into the dense jungle, I finally spotted a Jap in the heavy underbrush and gave him a carbine bullet in the head as I swung off the truck.

"We left the trucks and scattered out, leaving Pfc. Herman W. Grim of Longview, Tex., as rear guard with his light machine gun.

"We were starting off when Pfc. Matt F. Huey of Eros, La., came up to Cpl. Irby H. Brady of Maud, Tex., and said he had seen a Jap behind a tree 'over there.' Corporal Brady investigated and then yelled, 'Damned if there ain't' and cut loose with his tommy gun, really nailing that Jap.

"We went forward and some of the fellows got Japs before we heard a machine gun open up to our rear. We decided we'd better get out of there, since it sounded like we had Japs all around us.

"Returning to the rear, we found Grim lying behind his gun, smiling, with 15 dead Japs piled up in front of him. He told us a Jap had come out of the bush followed by 14 camouflaged Japs looking like walking brush piles. They came down the trail smack into his gun. He just mowed them down.

"Later that day we went into a native garden to weed out a few Japs. I killed a sniper with my carbine and right after that a machine gun opened up on us. A man to my right yelled 'I'm hit' and as I turned to look at him, a machine-gun bullet

went through my helmet and cut across my cheek. I fell and rolled down an embankment and lay there—right at my brother's feet.

"Bill had been carrying up ammunition for some heavier units. He picked me up and helped me out of there. I don't think I would have got out fast enough alone."

Army Defends Cost Pentagon Building

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Defending the \$63,645,954 cost of its Pentagon Building, the structure designed to house all Army facilities, the War Department declared that it will pay for itself in 8 to 14 years "on the basis of what the Government would have had to pay to rent an equivalent amount of Washington office space."

The Army further stated that, despite the fact that the work on the Pentagon was done as a "rush" job and in war time, its cost compares favorably with other Washington buildings. While government structures built between 1932 and 1940 varied in cost from \$16.79 per square foot of usable office space to \$31.92 per square foot, the same amount of space in the Pentagon cost \$17.07.

The 63 million dollar total includes the cost of both the main building, and outside utilities as heating, refrigeration, water, and electric systems, the roads and parking areas, landscaping, and architect-engineer costs.

Families of Prisoners In Germany Can Cable

WASHINGTON — Families who have not heard from relatives held as prisoners of war in Germany for several months may now use American Red Cross cable facilities to establish communication, it was announced by Chairman Norman H. Davis this week.

Arrangements have been made whereby international agreement permits the Red Cross to send and receive emergency cables regarding the welfare of men in enemy hands.

The cable service is available only in cases of extreme urgency at home, when prisoners have been reported wounded or seriously ill, or when prisoners and their families are unable to get in touch with one another through regular mail channels. It is pointed out that postal channels are open for families to use in writing to prisoners.

For security reasons cables sent by the Red Cross in such cases must be straightforward. They may not mention business activities of have numbers, codes or symbols included. The families are asked to assume the cost of sending the cables.

The Red Cross reports that emergency communications already average over 2,000 per month.

First Casualty Scholarship

BOSTON, Mass.—The first of Boston University's scholarship for children of graduates killed in action was made last week to tiny Ann Hamilton Landess, of Boston.

One-year-old Ann is the daughter of two Boston University graduates. Her father, Capt. Robert H. Landess, was an assistant at the university before he entered the Army. He was killed in action at Oran, three months before she was born. Ann has already received the Silver Star and Purple Heart which was awarded posthumously to her father last spring.

Commission Opposes Lower 4-F Standards

WASHINGTON—From now on the Army needs physically fit men who will be able to serve as combat replacements and it can not lower its physical standards.

So reported a medical commission appointed by President Roosevelt at Congress' orders to investigate the medical standards of the Army and Navy.

Limited Service "Saturated"
The Army has already reached the "saturation point" in accepting men for limited service, the commission said. It intends to fill further limited service jobs with battle casualties and injured men who are already

trained, it was explained.

The armed forces are far behind their manpower goals, because draft boards have failed to meet their quotas in supplying men. So urgent is the situation that the Army last week announced that it was abandoning most of its college training program and transferring students to combat units.

As a possible solution the President this week ordered the review of all registrants who have been deferred as agricultural or industrial workers, particularly those under 26.

4-F's to be Reviewed

Although the commission would not recommend lowered physical standards, it is expected that the cases of all 4-F's will be reviewed by local draft boards and those who might squeeze by will be ordered to report to induction stations for examination. It is estimated that of 3 1/3 million men now in 4-F, about 200,000 could be found who are suitable for service.

The medical commission did recommend some "minor" changes which are not expected to have much effect on the manpower situation. The commission added that "under present standards for general service the quality is lower than is desirable, but this situation has been met by careful attention to personnel assignment."

There was outspoken criticism of the report among one Congressional group, which had hoped to delay the drafting of many fathers by accepting 4-F's.

Play Active Sports

Said Senator Johnson of California: "When I see 4-F's playing football and baseball and doing all the other things that require physical strength and endurance, I can't be very much impressed with the standards under which they are exempted from service."

The draft situation at present is this:

Selective service boards are 200,000 men behind their quotas. The strength of the armed forces totaled 10,600,000 on February 1. This means that 1,200,000 additional men are needed by July 1 to reach the goal of 11,300,000. They must come from these sources—the father group, those occupationally deferred, 4-F's who can do limited service, and youths reaching their 18th birthday.

Scrap Paper Sale Nets \$3000 at Camp Ellis

CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—The sale of 134 tons of scrap paper and cardboard collected at Camp Ellis during the past six months has made the United States Treasury \$3,000 richer. It was disclosed this week by Col. John S. Sullivan, the commanding officer.

Leaves Foxhole To Save Buddies From Grenade

WASHINGTON—In the five seconds allowed by a hand grenade fuse, an Infantry sergeant risked his own life to save those of two comrades, the War Department announced this week.

A full-blooded Indian, Sgt. Clarence B. Little of Seminole, Okla., was in the thick of heavy fighting against the Japanese on a New Georgia island. Several of the enemy had fought their way to within ten feet of forward American foxholes. The sergeant seized a grenade and pulled the fuse pin. Just as he raised his arm to hurl it, a Jap bullet struck him, and he fell to the ground. The "live" grenade flew from his hand into a nearby foxhole, where two doughboys were so busy fighting off the enemy that they didn't notice the explosive.

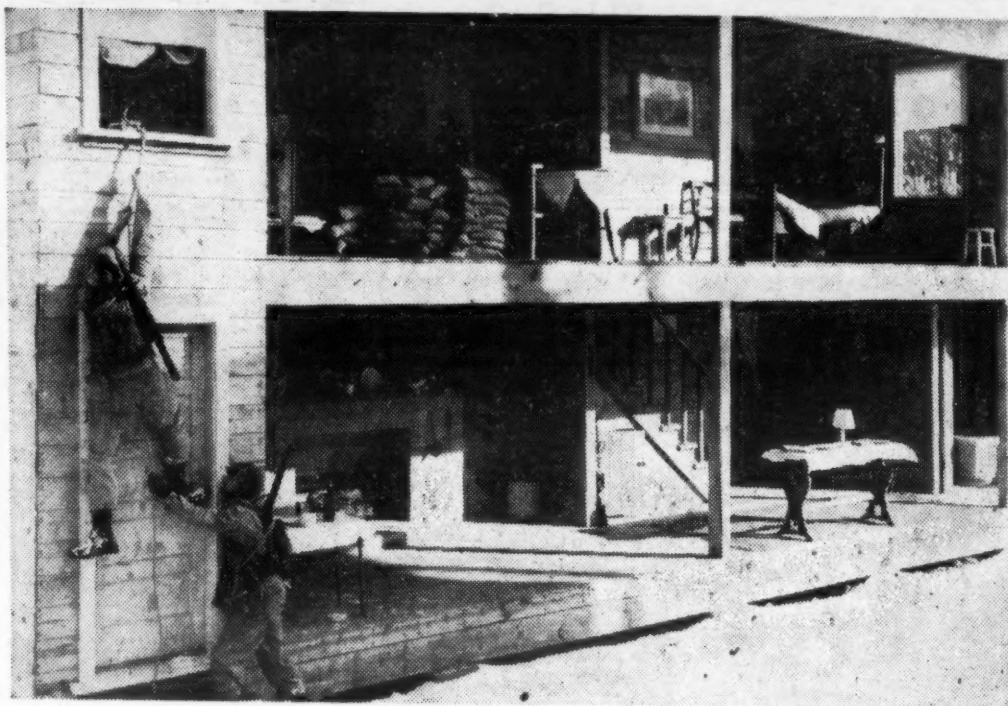
Sergeant Little, who could have clung to safety in his foxhole, had less than five seconds in which to act. He jumped to his feet, ran to the foxhole occupied by his buddies, grabbed the grenade and quickly hurled it in the direction of the oncoming Japs.

The sergeant, known to his fellow Infantrymen as "Chief," found that his wounds were slight. Over his protests he was taken to the rear for treatment, but he soon was back in action.

General Truscott Wins DSC for Sicily Heroism

WASHINGTON—The Distinguished Service Cross has been awarded Maj. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, Jr., who assumed personal command and rallied his men after intense artillery and mortar fire had halted them during attempts to enlarge the Third Division's Licata beachhead in Sicily.

General Truscott repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to confer with officers leading the attack and to keep them informed of the enemy situation, the War Department said.



ONE of the most detailed and complete "Nazi villages" yet built is this one in the Engineer Replacement Training Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. In this picture men of a training party are entering the elaborately-equipped home of a German burgher by means of a second-floor window, while other trainees watch the proceedings from a grandstand. The building is cut away so that proper methods of entering, detection of booby-traps, etc., may be studied by the onlookers. The village, covering 50 acres, was built chiefly from scrap materials.

Sergeant Gives Fleas Credit For Recovery

WASHINGTON — Fleas may be just a pain to "Rover," but to Sgt. Rodney M. Graham, they are responsible for his walking today after a leg wound threatened to put him on crutches for life.

Sergeant Graham, 20, who is at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, has nothing but "kind words" for fleas, the War Department said.

"I was hit in the leg above the knee by a bullet while fighting in Sicily," he explained. "I couldn't be moved, so I told my buddies to roll me into a little draw and to go on. I spent the night in the ditch and was taken prisoner the following day. That was on July 11.

"I was taken to Italy and then to Munich and finally to a prisoner of war camp in Austria. German doctors told me I would never walk again. But fleas got under my cast and, although I wasn't supposed to, I kept moving my leg, twisting and turning it in an effort to get some relief from the flea bites. Somehow, I must have moved the ends of the bone together perfectly, because X-rays now show a perfect joining.

You Really Walk In Bougainville

WITH ARMY TROOPS ON BOUGAINVILLE—Albert J. Mangan of Lowell, Mass., thought he got a stiff work-out in 1936 when he competed in the Olympic games at Berlin. He was one of America's entries in the walking race and he had to cover a rugged 31-mile course.

Mangan, who now is a captain of Infantry, discovered, however, that the Olympic grind was "small potatoes" compared with back-breaking terrain Infantrymen are now taking in stride in this jungle-bound area.

"If they ever hold a walking championship up these Bougainville jungle mountains, I doubt if anybody would ever finish," Captain Mangan, now 28, said. "That's why you have to give these soldiers here so much credit—the way they have to lug guns up the steep hills piece by piece."

Captain Mangan won the United States national walking championship in 1940 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He has been overseas two years and is a veteran of the Guadalcanal campaign, plus service in Australia, New Caledonia and the Fiji Islands. His mother, Mrs. Catherine Mangan, lives at 143 Coburn street, Lowell.

Risked Life to Save Rookies from Grenade

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Sgt. Joseph C. Nolan of Centralia, Wash., has been awarded the soldier's medal for risking his life while instructing two trainees in throwing live fragmentation grenades.

One trainee unknowingly allowed the safety lever to become disengaged. Nolan grabbed the grenade, warned one soldier and shoved the other under cover, then tossed the missile out of the pit where it burst harmlessly in the air.

WAC and Boss Nurse Form 'Mutual Admiration Society'

WASHINGTON — Two hard-working American women—one of them in the uniform of the Army Nurse Corps with the silver leaves of a lieutenant colonel on her shoulders, the other in the uniform of the Women's Army Corps and wearing the stripes of a corporal—are responsible for the affairs of more than 2,000 Army Nurses in the North African Theater of Operations.

They are Lt. Col. Bernice Wilbur, ANC, Chief Nurse of the North African theater, and Cpl. Esther Martin, WAC, the colonel's assistant and "right-hand woman." In their fifth-floor office in a North African city, they are a high-voltage war work combination, capable of handling the paper work necessary to administer nurses scattered from one end of the vast territory to the other. They work seven days a week, every week, to get it done—and they love it.

Shares Credit

Technically, the assignment is solely that of Colonel Wilbur, but she insists upon sharing all credit with her WAC assistant.

"Corporal Martin views the assignment as her idea of a 'dream come true.'"

"It's a grand job," she said. "Each night you know you have really accomplished something during that day. I feel the whole Nurse Corps passes through my office—by paper or in person.

She has learned that Army Nurses "are girls who really can take it," and she is "proud to be behind the officer who heads one of the most important parts of the greatest corps of nurses in the world. I know now why they are called 'Angels of Mercy.'"

Admiration between these two women of separate branches of American military service is evidently mutual. Of Corporal Martin, Colonel Wilbur said:

"She's more than a secretary; she's my right-hand woman. I couldn't get along without her now. From my contacts with the WACs, and since my association with this one particu-

Volume Counts in Song Contest at Breckinridge

CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, Ky.—Bellowing sergeants may soon be very popular here, for volume will be one of the factors in deciding a songfest contest, according to Lt. Charles W. Kramer of Chicago.

A series of eliminations is planned to determine the best singing outfit in camp. Companies and batteries in each battalion will compete first, then battalion winners, and finally the champion songsters from each regiment. No limit has been fixed on the number of men per chorus or the type of song. Prizes will be awarded.

EACH PLANE used to transport sick or wounded carries a flight nurse and a sergeant technician, both whom have been specially trained for that service at the School of Air Evacuation at Bowman Field, Ky.

lar WAC, I can say they, too, can 'take it'."

Flowers Always

Upon the two of them falls the responsibility for having the right number of the right-type nurses at a specified point at the right time. Throughout the Mediterranean war zone, Army nurses are almost continuously on the move, and clothing, tents, supplies, and orders are apt to be lost. It is up to the Colonel—and the Corporal—to see their needs under such circumstances.

The two women work in a tiny office just large enough to quarter them and their desks—and a perpetually blooming vase of flowers.

Send Easter Mail Now, WD Advises

WASHINGTON — Easter greetings to members of the armed forces overseas should be mailed immediately if delivery is to be assured, the War Department advised soldiers' families this week.

Delivery of Easter mail to all but the most isolated outposts will be completed by Easter Sunday, April 9, if it is mailed promptly, according to the Army Postal Service of the Adjutant General's Department.

A marked increase in the volume of Easter mail is anticipated this year, both because of the greatly increased number of men overseas and because of an increasing attention to spiritual matters, postal service officers declared.

Wounded Soldiers Will Be Evacuated by Air

LONDON—Plans have been completed for the aerial evacuation of Allied soldiers who may be wounded during the invasion of Europe, so that they will reach British base hospitals within a few hours.

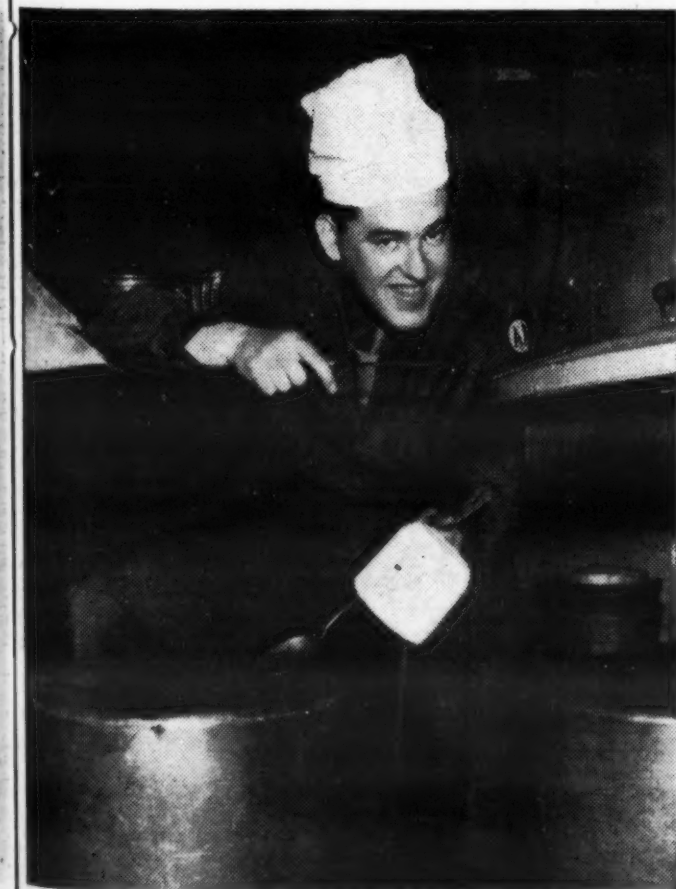
The air evacuation squadrons, as they are to be called, are made up of American heavy bombers and transports fitted out as flying hospitals. Each plane, with a capacity of 18 stretcher cases, will be staffed with nurses and doctors, and equipped with oxygen and blood transfusion facilities.

A squadron, comprising 50 of the hospital planes, has a capacity of 1,000 wounded men per trip.

Soldier-Mechanics Put Worn Trucks Into Shape

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky. — More than 100 soldier-mechanics of the 138th Ordnance Battalion, 20th Armored Division, are working at the job of reconditioning hundreds of worn and damaged Army trucks which have been brought into the motor pool here after hard weeks in the maneuver areas.

The job demands a 15-hour day, since the men must continue to do their ordnance job by day, while working also at the trucks at night. The 14th Division Ordnance and the Camp Campbell Ordnance workers keeps the trucks moving on two additional shifts.



BEATING IT OUT is Sgt. Stewart "Buddy" Cole, one-time drummer with the Alvino Rey and Harry James orchestra, who keeps his musical touch by "messing in the mess hall" of Battery H, Antiaircraft Artillery School, Camp Davis, N. C. Regular duties of Sergeant Cole consist of "beating out" payrolls at the AAA School Personnel Office.

—AAA School PRO Photo

What's Wrong With This Picture?



Italy or the Pacific, the patrols still go out to seek the enemy. Here are four doughboys on night patrol somewhere in Italy. Can you find out what they are doing wrong, before looking in column 5 for the answers.

AGF: The Week's News of the Army Ground Forces Straight from Headquarters in Washington

HEADQUARTERS, AGF—Administrative changes affecting the Armored Command, Tank Destroyer Center and the Airborne Command were announced this week.

The Armored Command at Fort Knox, Ky., has been redesignated as the Armored Center. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Armored Replacement Training Center now come under the Replacement and School Command, a component of the Army Ground Forces. The Armored Board and the Armored Medical Research Laboratory will operate directly under Headquarters, Army Ground Forces.

The Tank Destroyer Center at Camp Hood, Tex., comprising Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the Tank Destroyer Center, the Tank Destroyer School and Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center are also assigned to the Replacement and School Command under the new plan. The Tank Destroyer Board will operate directly under the Ground Forces headquarters.

Redesignation of the Airborne Command as the Airborne Center has also been announced. Airborne activities will continue to be centered at Camp Mackall, N. C., but airborne troops at that camp will be placed under the XIII Corps for administration and supply. The principal function of the Airborne Center will be to conduct airborne training for all airborne units.

Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces announced that in the future airborne units will be assigned to armies and corps in order to facilitate administration and supply. The Parachute School at Fort

Benning, Ga., will now be placed under the Replacement and School Command.

Promotion of Maj. Reginald J. Billado, Inf., and Maj. Lewis R. Watson Jr., CE, from the rank of captain, was announced this week.

The following officers have reported for permanent duty at Headquarters, Army Ground Forces: Col. Gerald F. Lillard, FA, assigned to the G-3 Section; Lt. Col. Charles N. S. Ballou, Inf., assigned to the Requirements Section; Lt. Col. Airel B. Cooper, Sig. C, assigned to the Ground Signal Section; Lt. Col. Blair A. Ford, Inf., assigned to the G-3 Section, and Maj. George W. Crocker, CAC, assigned to the G-3 Section.

ARMORED CENTER—In order to comply more closely with security regulations and to present a more interesting and informative newspaper, the Armored News has appeared in a new format. The new paper is departmentalized into "Troops Overseas," "Troops in Preparation," "Armored Forum," "Armored Digest," "New Developments," and "Sports" sections.

Cooperation of all arms—infantry, tanks, artillery, air—to form a hard-hitting, smooth-working team is the keynote of a new Armored Field Manual, "Employment of Tanks With Infantry," now in the process of being issued to troops. The new manual clarifies U. S. Army tank-infantry doctrine. Col. Thomas V. Webb, director of the publications section, training literature department of the Armored School, which prepared the manual, stated that it "emphasizes the current trend toward closer infantry-tank cooperation

in the employment of separate tank battalions with elements of an infantry division." Maj. Gen. Charles L. Scott, commanding general of the Armored Center, commented that, "doctrine for the employment of separate tank battalions has now been rewritten to liberalize and clarify the methods of employment of tanks with infantry."

A new method of teaching tank tactics which was worked out at Battle Training programs of the Armored Replacement Training Center has evoked the approval of Maj. Gen. Charles L. Scott. "The new method is one of the best ever developed for armored units," General Scott said. Small wooden models of tanks, about 3½ inches long, are used to help the trainee visualize tank action. "They capture and hold the interest of the trainee," says Capt. Oliver M. Hall, head of the Battle Driving Division. "When tanks are placed before him, he is more likely to see the point and retain the picture."

Further instruction in the practice and technique of night operation is provided for in a recent directive from ARTC Headquarters at Fort Knox. The course will consist of a mounted phase conducted by the combat driving section, and a dismounted phase.

The training literature department of the Armored School has been enlarged and expanded in order to speed up the production of field manuals and other training literature. Lt. Col. Daniel B. Knight, acting director since last October, was recently named director, succeeding Col. Otis McCormick.

Recent lengthening of the Automotive Maintenance course at the Armored School from 10 to 12 weeks gives students more time for practical application, according to phase chiefs of the two divisions effected, Capt. Harold E. Massey of the Engine Division, and Capt. C. R. Wilson of the Chassis Division.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND—Maj. Gen. Joseph A. Green, commanding general, Antiaircraft Command, inspected antiaircraft replacement training last week on a visit to the Antiaircraft Artillery firing range at New Point Comfort, Va., where antiaircraft replacement trainees from the training center at Fort Eustis, Va., were engaged in target practice, firing self-propelled AAA automatic weapons.

REPLACEMENT AND SCHOOL COMMAND, CAVALRY SCHOOL—Col. Walton Ojeda, commandant of the Cavalry School of Chile, and Col. Juan Bertossi, commandant of the Engineers School of Chile, were recent visitors at Fort Riley, Kan., where they spent several days inspecting training methods at the Cavalry School.

Col. W. F. Jennings has assumed command of the 20th Cavalry Composite School Regiment, succeeding Col. Thomas T. Thornburgh, who

Music Officer, Retired, Writes 'On to Berlin'

RIPON, Wis.—A recently retired music officer, Capt. Edgar H. Zobel, has written words and music to a new march song, "On to Berlin," which he hopes to hear sung in the Nazi capital.

Before he was retired because of age, Captain Zobel advised musical groups in many posts throughout

the nation and conducted classes in overseas self-entertainment.

He says his song is in the nature of a "Saturday night pipe dream." He felt some one should let Hitler know we are coming—he might not know it.

Music to "On to Berlin" is printed in the adjoining column. Words follow:

"ON TO BERLIN"

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Chorus

Marching on to Berlin—
We'll see Rome on the way;
Perhaps you think we're fooling,
But we just don't play that way.

Marching on to Berlin—
We're in this fight to win;
We don't mean maybe, Adolph,
We'll soon be in Berlin.

Gen. Roosevelt Goes to Britain
AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN ITALY—Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, who has been liaison officer with French forces fighting in Italy, has left here to "take over an important position in Great Britain."

!! On To Berlin !!

Words and Music by
Captain Edgar H. Zobel
Music Officer U.S.A.

Introduction

Verse

Chorus

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With Time to Think, Soldiers Recall Humorous Incidents

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY—Recollections of incidents that couldn't be appreciated at the time the Fifth Army was making its landing below Rome are bringing chuckles and laughs to American doughboys now that the battle has settled down to a steady, day in and day out grind.

There's the case of the unidentified doughboy who hurt his leg in a fall into an old foxhole on the first morning of the landing. Positive that he couldn't walk, he stopped some medics and asked to be carried to the rear.

The medics put him on a litter and started forward.

"Where are we going?" the doughboy asked.

The medics replied: "Forward."

The doughboy jumped from the litter and hastily made for the rear.

Then there's the German rookie runner who became lost while searching for a unit of the Wehr-

macht. He found two foxholes occupied by sleeping soldiers. In vain he tried to awaken the occupant of one of the holes. Turning to the other, he met with success. "What unit is this?" he asked. The awakened occupant took in the situation and took a Nazi as a prisoner.

One patrol of eleven reconnaissance soldiers still is chuckling over an incident at a bridge. Riding bravely to battle rolled a German column of multi-wheeled troop carriers, bent on stopping the invading Yanks. The Yank patrol had just finished mining the bridge. They lighted the fuse and retired to cover. The troop carrier column rolled on. Three vehicles crossed the bridge when suddenly it went sky-high. Brakes squealed, Germans squealed, and pandemonium reigned. Nazi soldiers severed suddenly from their comrades scrambled back through the water to the safe side minus lots of equipment. There was no humor in it for them.

has left the Cavalry School for a new station. Colonel Jennings formerly was Chief of the Task Force Division, G-3 Section, at Headquarters, Army Ground Forces.

Capt. Charles H. Edwards has been assigned as orientation officer of the Cavalry School after completing the orientation and education course at the School for Special Services, Lexington, Va. Other new members of the staff and faculty include Capt. William L. Toston and 1st Lt. William A. Tiffany, 2d Cavalry School Detachment and Capt. Curtis L. Alexander, 1st Lt. Harold L. Moschel and 2nd Lt. Harlan B. Dodge, assigned to the department of motors.

"Men may have the idea that they are being trained to fight a defeated enemy who will take only pursuing—but you must let them know in training that the German army was

never more powerful than it is now and that it will fight the hardest when cornered," Col. Thomas W. Herren, commandant of the Cavalry School, told a recent graduating class of an Officers' Advanced Course.

Picture Puzzle Answers

(See Column 1)

1. The men are improperly dressed for night patrolling. Canteens, web belts, helmets—all unnecessary equipment should have been removed.
2. Their bayonets are fixed. This is unnecessary and makes it much easier for the rifle to catch in a tree or wire. Also, the man in the foreground has the rifle sling hanging loose and this might catch on something.
3. The men have silhouetted themselves on the horizon—this is bad, night or day.
4. For night work, they are too scattered. In the darkness they might lose contact with one another.
5. They have not blackened their faces or hands.

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NEW KINKS

Temporary Noses, Ears

Sponge-rubber noses and vulcanite ears in the best tradition of Hollywood are now being fashioned on the San Francisco campus of the University of California as part of a course to instruct Navy personnel and dentists in the art of reconstructing the features of men who have been wounded. Instructors there have found that during the long period necessary for plastic surgery the morale of the facially-mutilated man is improved when his face is reconstructed.

Serum May Lengthen Life

A Russian-originated serum, which has had good effects in speeding the healing of wounds and of broken bones among Russian soldiers, is described in the American Review of Soviet medicine. The original purpose of the serum was to aid in restoring men to normal health and to a normal life-span which many scientists think has been notably shortened by disease. It is suggested that it may possibly have the effect of lengthening a life span to 150 years.

Now It's Synthetic Menthol

A new synthetic menthol, which may be used in medicines, numerous foods and cosmetics, is reported to the American Chemical Society. Natural menthol has come from the Orient, now cut off by war conditions. The new method of producing the synthetic type was developed by Drs. H. B. Hass and A. L. Barney of Purdue University. The synthetic product is made from thymol, which is made from oil of thyme, but is also produced synthetically. The synthetic menthol has the same taste and odor as the natural product and the pharmaceutical differences are said to be slight.

Torpedoes On Skis

The Russians are said to be using land torpedoes on skis to destroy German battlefield emplacements. The explosive is lashed on a pair of skis and sent hurtling down a slope to the firing point. Pillboxes and ammunition dumps have been demolished this way, the report asserts, without loss of life to the attackers.

Cartoons Do It

Thanks to the artistic leanings of S/Sgt. William A. Deline, Company D Topkick, at Camp Berkeley, Tex., you don't have to read anything to find out where a certain man of the company is. A new T/O board on display at the 56th Medical Training Battalion office gives the information in pictures. The information is printed, but is also illustrated with a humorous cartoon. If a man is on KP the tag shows him tackling a pile of dishes. If he is sick in the hospital, in charge of quarters, on detached service, confinement, barracks orderly, or similar, each has its own identifying cartoon. To complete the board, the platoon which wins the weekly inspection has a gold star placed above it, while the last platoon is represented with a miniature eight ball.

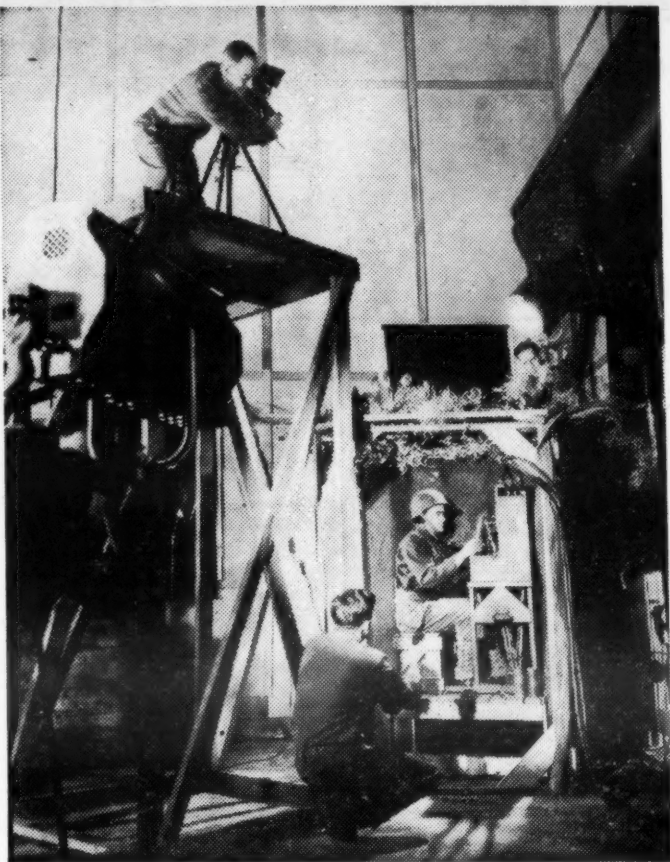
Realism In Lectures

A new high in realism was reached in information about booby traps and mines at Camp Stewart, Ga., when, during a lecture by Capt. L. B. Parmerton, booby traps, arranged all over the lecture room, were set off by incautious listeners. 'Booby traps are devices to trap booby,' said Captain Parmerton, and at that very moment an officer moved in his seat and set off a trap. Another officer raised a window and a trap went off. A half-dollar lay on the floor during the lecture. Finally, the temptation was too much for one officer who moved it slightly. Of course, it was booby-trapped—as he found out.

New Field Desk

S/Sgt. James Baker, of Camp Elgin, Ill., noticed that the GI Army field desk, which is part of the equipment of an overseas officer, was too small for his commanding officer. So he worked out a new model, which, while large enough to hold a typewriter and the necessary papers, weighs only 75 pounds, a little more than the standard type, which can be folded up and carried like a suitcase. It includes a home-made swivel chair. The desk was built of scrap lumber, but could readily be made from fibre, the same as a standard desk, in which case it would be much lighter.

THE FLIGHT SURGEON, key man in taking care of American airmen, is trained at the School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Tex.



—Signal Corps Photo.

DE LUXE FOXHOLE

It looks real on film

Photogs Making Training Strip Build Deluxe Foxhole

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—Remember the story about the steam-heated foxhole with hot and cold running water and electric lights? It's no gag; there is one on that order at Fort Monmouth.

The foxhole, complete with dirt walls, camouflage and surrounding undergrowth, was built by the Visual Aids Division Film Studio and a large telephone switchboard was installed in the process of making a film strip on traffic diagrams.

Ordinarily, film strip illustrations are made in the training areas around Fort Monmouth, but a combination of camera-freezing weather, low winter sun and too many cloudy days forced the photographic crew to move indoors.

Motion picture sets are not new in the Army, for many training films have been made in Signal Corps studios in Hollywood and at Astoria, Long Island, N. Y. The still picture sets at this post are made and used by the newly organized Fort Monmouth Signal Corps Publications Agency.

The foxhole is actually a set representing a dug-in emplacement for

signal equipment of the type used in actual combat operations all over the world. It was built from salvaged canvas and scrap lumber with chicken wire supports and texture paint. Trees, bushes and leaves are from the local countryside. The set stands about seven feet high and is open on two sides so that lighting equipment can be used. The camera is placed on a high platform to give the impression of looking down into a foxhole.

As Ye Sow . . .

WASHINGTON—Mr. I. N. Cushman, of Chicago, was quick to respond to a request from his son, Cpl. Ores H. Cushman, for some vegetable seeds for a "Victory garden" on New Georgia Island.

Corporal Cushman planted them during a lull in the campaign, watched over them at every opportunity. They bloomed the other day. Corporal Cushman is now providing all the vari-colored zinnias that can be used by his division's chapel.

Where's Camp Lement?

FORT MEADE, Md.—Sergeant Lee Braem knows all about how the "lost battalion" of World War I must have felt. He is the "lost soldier" of World War II.

Braem is singing a song he calls the "Lament of Camp Lement." And not until he finds "Camp Lement, Md.," will his Army worries be completely over.

Tough Job

From where Braem sits now, finding Camp Lement looks as if it's going to be a pretty tough job. So far all the efforts of the War Department haven't been able to help him. But there should be such a place. Braem was sent there.

The story began back at Walker Army Air Field, Kans., late last September. One day Braem was called into his C. O.'s office. "Report to Camp Lement, Md., for further training," he was told.

Braem was doubtful, right from the start. Why was he, an Air Corps man, being assigned to a "camp," when everybody knows Army Air Corps posts are called "fields"? His C. O. thought it was funny, too, and they got out a couple of maps, none showing a Camp Lement.

But there were the orders. Lement might be some new construction, someone suggested, and was being called a camp until it was formally dedicated as a "field."

No Trace Found

In Baltimore, Army officers told Braem they had never heard of Camp Lement. Various offices did their best to help him, but no trace was found. He was sent to Detrick Field, near Frederick.

There, telegrams were rushed to

Washington, Walker Field and to other points in an endeavor to locate Lement—anywhere, in any state. Replies were quick in coming back. There was no Camp Lement.

Ordered to Meade

For a short time Sergeant Braem lived in a little cabin near Frederick, checking several times each day for new orders he hoped would arrive. Then he was ordered to report to Meade.

Braem is a tall Californian with a ready grin and easy-going manner. An experienced airplane mechanic, he has been put to good use here; already he is an acting foreman in a Fort Meade shop. He enjoys his work, he says, but he isn't anxious to stay. Again he is waiting, more patiently than would many in his shoes, for the day a new order will come, to send him hurrying back to his first love—the Air Corps.

NCO Club Invests in Bonds

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—The Non-Commissioned Officers Club at Camp Campbell this week placed \$1,000 of its surplus funds into series "G" war bonds. This action was the result of a decision made by the board of governors.

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Whose hair hangs loose
And free. This present craze
Of swirls of curls
And other such obtuse
And varied ways
Of messing up the hair
Suggests extreme neurotic care.

I have notions
That girls who taint
Their delicate facial reflexes
With potions of lotions
Of creme and rouge and paint
Possess complexes.
And though it hides a hicky,
Mascara leaves one wet and sticky.

Girls who drape
Themselves in classy
And crazy garments know
A shape, in crepe,
Can make my eyes go glossy;
But even though
They think themselves exotic,
They're more inclined to be psychotic.

I like pure
And lush, petite
Tomatoes. And, no doubt,
Their lure seems sure;
And yet each time I meet
A girl without
An artificial backing,
It always seems that something's lacking.

—Regimental Mirror,
Ft. Benning, Ga.

They Also Serve

When faps ring out (a bit off-key)
To bed I struggle wearily.
Outside my barrack winds may blow.
But am I cold? Oh, no! Ho, ho!
For I'm protected, yes I am,
By the grace of Uncle Sam:

Oh, the fireguards, the fireguards,
Ignored by Fame, unsung by bards.
They clink, they clank, plus other noise,
But they're my fav'rite pin-up boys.

No bars or oak-leaves deck their shirts,
It's 50 per until it hurts.
So let's award them all, by Jove,
The Distinguished Flying Stove!

Oh, the fireguards, the fireguards.
They drop no trace, they leave no cards,
They're grimy gremlins, steeped in coals,
But blessings on their cindered souls!

Pvt. Arnold Auerbach,
Truax Field, Wis.,

Sailors, Marines Train At Army's Camp Beale

CAMP BEALE, Calif.—Not only dogfaps, but sailors, marines and Seabees clutter up this Army post. Both officers and enlisted men, the seagoing soldiers come here for training at the recently established West Coast Chemical Warfare School, only school of its kind west of Edgewood Arsenal, Md.

WCCWS' courses for Navy gas officers, and for petty officers, are short and intensive, covering the techniques and material of chemical warfare but with the main stress upon the phase of protection, since the Navy is primarily concerned with obtaining information enabling its men to cope with war gases should they ever be used by the enemy.

\$3,600 to March of Dimes

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.—Final tabulations show that Fort Leonard Wood contributed well over \$3,600 in the 1944 March of Dimes drive to aid infantile paralysis sufferers. The contribution represented a higher per capita donation than was recorded last year, when Fort Leonard Wood was one of the Army's biggest donors.

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Book Notes

"THE SEA EAGLE" by James Aldridge. (Little, Brown and Co., Boston. \$2.50.)

The apparently minor, yet important, problem of determining who will govern liberated nations will confront the representatives at the peace conference. Young Australian War Correspondent James Aldridge introduces the problem, with no attempt to provide a solution, in his thrilling, exciting story of two Australians, who try to escape from the "ironheads" in Crete.

Cynical, fattish Angus Burke was one of the Australians not evacuated when the Germans swarmed over Crete. Desiring to take part in the big fight in Egypt he left Mount Ida in an attempt to reach the sea.

His chances to escape were improved when he ran into Nisus, a wild and wooly Greek, and red-haired Stone, a giant, silent Australian. Flirting with death on every side, this strange trio got one boat and food only to have the Germans and a storm rob them of their chances of escape.

They became involved in the localized war against the Metaxists, representatives of a pre-war government. Despite the ever-present danger of "ironheads" the three men fought with the rebellious Cretans against the Metaxists.

It took some time for Burke to realize that there is no difference between the political philosophies of a Metaxist and a Nazi. It is dictatorship, regardless of its name. He also found that war is war—whether large or small—and that people will die for their beliefs.

Correspondent Aldridge has written a good, slugging book. The men speak tough, vulgar fighting men's language. They die and they are afraid. Burke in one scene becomes violently ill—thinking that the Germans might discover their hiding place. Later he shows a great deal of courage in action.

The author draws his character sketches well. Before you have finished the book, you know the three main characters. They are flesh-and-blood with weakness and strengths. "The Sea Eagle," aiming at more than entertainment, is one of the best novels to come out of the war.

"RETURN OF OPPORTUNITY." Edited by William H. Kuhns. (Harper and Brothers, New York. \$3.00.)

The question, "Will I have a job after the war?" is answered in this realistic survey of 150 important industries. The answer is an optimistic "Yes" if one takes the word of the 150 leaders, whose articles are compiled by Mr. Kuhns in this book.

As an answer to the post-war employment problem the book is published at an opportune moment. But even more important is the pioneer spirit reflected by the contributors. According to the authors American industry has barely crossed the threshold of opportunity. Every industry from finance to plastics is in need of reorganization and expansion. The post-war world holds great opportunity for thinking, pioneering young minds.

It is a pleasure to read a book which is rich with free-enterprise philosophy. It is surprising to find the industries and businesses, which one thinks as static, eligible for such drastic revolutionary changes.

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SPORTS CHAT

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—The baseball hot stove league held a special meeting last week. Reason for the sudden burst of enthusiasm—the Kansas City Blues and St. Paul Saints have agreed to play the 800th Signal Training Regt. Giants during the grapefruit season.

CAMP COOKE, Calif.—Hot on the heels of a 52-50 win over the highly rated 20th Century-Fox five has come an invitation for the powerful Camp Cooke quintet to play in the National AAU tourney in Denver. Although no official decision has been made the team would like to carry its record of 24 straight wins to basketball's big leagues.

LANGLEY FIELD, Va.—The Langley Field Flyers settled to their own satisfaction the old argument about the respective merits of the services. The Flyers beat the Marine Barracks, 49-42, and the Hampton Navy, 57-55, although admitting the Hampton men need have no fear of flunking an eye test.

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Despite the predictions of the pre-season dopesters the 6th Regiment Eagles became the official champions of the first half of the Infantry School Basketball League. What's more the Eagles won 14 games without dropping a single one in the pennant chase.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa.—When the final round started in the Journal-Tribune Golden Gloves tourney, the Sioux City, S. D., boxing team owned part title to some of the crowns with five battlers in the finals. It's a cinch the middleweight crown will go to the Air Base—both finalists wear the Sioux Falls colors.

BERGSTROM FIELD, Tex.—Texas U's cagers caught fire in the second overtime period and won 78-65 to break the 442nd Base Squadron's fifty-game winning streak. The regulation game ended 52-58 and the first overtime period, 62-61.

FORT WARREN, Wyo.—Two out of three games were won by Warren officers in a bowling match against an Alliance, Neb., Air Base team. The scores were 801 to 714, 779 to 858, and 863 to 733.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The Nashville Air Center cagers continued to fly high in the basketball world by staging a furious finish to break the 26th Armored Division's victory string by a 52-34 count. The win gave the Airmen 18 straight wins and put a period on the Tankers' 16 straight.

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—Playing the top teams in their region the 12th Replacement Depot basketball team closed its season with a 34-13 record. Undefeated in Camp Butner League competition the Depot five were defeated by such clubs as Duke, North Carolina and Wake Forest.

JEFFERSON BARRACKS, Mo.—Eight Jefferson Barracks boxers fought their way into the finals of the Globe-Democrat Golden Gloves Tournament. When the crowns were handed out five Jay Bee sluggers wore them back to camp.

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—Camp Grant wrote fits to home varsity boxing for the duration when the Warrior ringmen met the strong Madison A. C. Mittmen of Chicago in a benefit bout.

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Though billed as the Texas Golden Gloves tourney it looked like a battle for the service championship. Teams entered were Camp Howze, Camp Hood, Camp Wolters, Bryan Field, Fort Worth Air Base and others.

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—A recent survey showed that 150,000 soldiers had attended the weekly fight programs in the past 52 weeks.

LINCOLN FIELD, Neb.—In a frustrated mood T/Sgt. John Leary, coach of the potential hockey team, carefully dressed in his goalie equipment and then went out and fished in the waters of the "hockey rink."

IN SEVEN HOURS of listening to phonograph records a soldier going overseas can learn 150 words of any one of 30 foreign languages.

Majors Start Spring Practice on March 15

WASHINGTON—Millions of American calendars have March 15 circled, and, although the majority have circled the number with red ink as a reminder that income taxes are due, there are those who have gaily circled the date in honor of the opening of major league spring practice.

For those who have become a bit wacky pondering the mysteries of "enter item 8 or 9, whichever is larger . . . take three-fourths of A above," the sweet music of a well spanked horsehide and the rapid-fire chatter of a hustling infield will be a pleasant relief.

Player Shortage

It isn't all sweetness and joy in the Hot-Stove League even though spring practice and the first robin are just a few days away. There are those who read into the recent draft order, tossing out the possibility of lowering the draft standards, and promptly predicted that only the 4-F fathers would last through the season.

Some of the more pessimistic, despite the ardors of income tax calculations, took their pencils, a scrap of paper, team rosters and started doing a little simple arithmetic. When they had completed their long division they reported that over 50 per cent of the baseball players were subject to reclassification and glumly wrote finish to the game for the duration.

Very little of the pessimistic gloom was seen around the offices of the club owners. They rode an emotional roller-coaster earlier this year and then concluded that in spite of player shortages they were going to have a world series in 1944.

The recent ruling that fathers will make up the shortage in draft quotas will probably throw the gates for young, inexperienced players and old veterans open a bit wider than was expected.

Youngsters and Oldsters

Mel Ott has already announced that the Giants were going to take 20 sandlot players with them to spring training camp and despite the jokes about the old-timers creaking around the base paths Jimmy Foxx has indicated that his name will be in a line-up before the season is over.

With the shortage of players prom-

ising to become more and more acute as the season progresses ball players discharged or rejected by the armed forces will find club owners greeting them armed with a contract and fountain pen.

The Army Times last week offered its services to ball players in the armed forces. It didn't mention it at that time, but, in the event you happen to know a good ball player in your home town, who isn't playing ball or in the armed forces, you might send in his name. We are passing all information we receive on to the proper officials.

In the event you may have missed last week's paper with the blank, or have two friends you wish to see the form, we are reprinting it again this week.

Scott's CO Gives Hoppe A Work-Out

SCOTT FIELD, Ill.—Willie Hoppe, world's billiard champion, knows today that soldiers at Scott Field are enthusiastic billiard fans and get the cue for their interest from Col. John P. Temple, commanding officer of the post.

Nearly a thousand Scottsmen crowded the second area recreation post to see Colonel Temple force Hoppe to come from behind to win in an exhibition match. The colonel had Hoppe 38 to 32 at one point in the match, but the champion made a long run of 23 to win the tiff, 75 to 44. The visit, Hoppe's third wartime appearance at the post, was sponsored by the Billiard Association of America.

Haod Wins Three Bonds For Betting Private

CAMP CLAIBORNE, La.—Pvt. Anestis W. Simeounidion of the 84th Division Headquarters knows a good thing when he sees it.

When HAOD poked his beak across the finish line 14 seconds ahead of the place pigeon in the second pigeon bond derby, Private Simeounidion, who doesn't believe in protection bets, cashed in his three pasteboards for \$100 bonds.

HAOD, a blue-checked cock, flew the 170-mile route in less than four hours, much to the delight of the holders of 84 tickets on him.

ATTENTION Baseball Players

If you were signed to an American or National League contract when you went into the service there is no reason for filling out this form.

But, if you were given your unconditional release when a league folded, were placed on a minor league National Service Defense list, or limited your pre-war baseball to semi-pro we suggest that you fill in the blank and mail it to ARMY TIMES. The men on the minor league National Defense Service lists may have a job waiting for them after the war, but, it may be wise for them to fill out this blank as it is hard to tell who will be declared free agents.

In the event you have a ball-playing buddy, in or out of the service, you might send him the form. If he has been rejected or discharged from the armed forces there may be a job waiting for him. As Clark Griffith says—baseball needs players.

Name.....
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Weight.....
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Throw: Right..... Left.....
Position: Pitcher.....
Catcher.....
Infield.....
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Other information.....

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(In the event you are hospitalized for a discharge; or are not in the service for some reason, please indicate.)



MISSING with a right, Sgt. Frank Broderick, Fort Eustis, Va., is wide open for a right to the jaw and Ed Pidsecki, Carrier Aircraft Service Unit No. 21, is seeing to it that the opportunity isn't overlooked. Despite this particular action, Broderick won the fight and the Victory Gloves crown.

Stewart Skybusters Capture Southeastern Championship

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Stewart's Skybuster hoopsters, the Cinderella team of the Southeast, today held the servicemen's championship for this section of the nation.

The Skybusters won their crown at Macon, Ga., when they swept through all opposition in the Southeastern Servicemen's AAU Tournament. The AA squad, unseeded by tourney officials, played inspired basketball to down Camp Wheeler, the Parris Island Marines, last year's champions; Charleston Coast Guards and the Daniel Field Flyers.

In addition to winning the team trophy, three individuals on the Skybuster squad were honored by tournament officials and newspaper writers. Pvt. Bob Wozny, former star at DePaul University in Chicago, was voted the most valuable player in the tourney, and Pvts. Ed Isidori and Big Tom Pack, formerly of the University of South Carolina, were named to the All-Tournament quintet.

Much of the credit for Stewart's success is given to Lt. S. D. Petersen, post athletic officer and former

coach of Central High School in Chattanooga, who took over the coaching reins at Stewart shortly before the start of the tournament. By winning the Macon tournament, Stewart becomes eligible to compete in the National AAU championships which are to be held late in March at Denver, Colo. Counting the four games won at Macon, the Skybusters now boast a record of 18 wins against five losses.

Other members of the squad who saw action in the championship play were Pvt. Ray Geisen, Pvt. Earl Ostrom, Cpl. Ed Billingham, Pvt. Frank Mirallegro and Lt. Clyde Mourfield.

Stir Up Captures Flamingo Stakes

WASHINGTON—Reading tea leaves is easy compared to picking the winner of the Kentucky Derby, but those who watched the running of the Flamingo Stakes at Hialeah, think they have the answer in Stir Up.

Responding to a hustling ride by Eddie Arcaro the Greentree Stable horse drove home to a length and a half win and a \$18, \$640, \$520 mutual pay-off. He was followed across the finish line by Skytracer, \$37.20, \$18.00, and stretch-running Styvie, \$8.00.

Director J. E., the 3-5 favorite, proved he was a sprint runner when he folded in the stretch. Gramps Image, another Derby hopeful, failed to get up after trailing and finished a badly-beaten last. Alorier, another Derby candidate, ran an indifferent race.

While attention centered on the 3-year-olds some of the older stakes horses have been running well. Alquest has won two of his last three starts. Marriage, an in-and-out, won the New Orleans handicap a week ago, while consistent Sun Again was beating a good field in the Widener Challenge Cup.

Volleyball Too Rough For Combat Veteran

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—What happened to Sgt. Charlie Deaton here is "one for the books." What happened accomplished in a split second something that the German Army couldn't do in 23 months—made a casualty of Sergeant Deaton.

Sgt. Deaton, recipient of the Silver Star for gallantry beyond the call of duty, fought through the invasions of Africa, Sicily and Italy. He served as a car commander of a halftrack outfit and saw action in some of the war's bloodiest struggles. He came through unscathed.

Now back in the States, Charlie took part in a volleyball game at Stewart and while running to bop a ball he slipped and sprained his ankle. Charlie is now flat on his back in the Station Hospital.

"This camp is really a rugged place," he grinned. "I'd better get back to the front before I break my blankety-blank neck."

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WD Circular Discusses Non Com Utilization

WASHINGTON—Instructions to commanding officers regarding the utilization of non-commissioned officers, their value in command and the care with which they must be selected is given in War Department Circular No. 70, 16 Feb., 1944. A summary of the points in the circular follows:

1. The commander who lacks the moral courage and the ability to develop a competent corps of non-coms in his command demonstrates his inability to assume the responsibilities of leadership in combat. Non-coms must be outstanding leaders

Radio Roundup

Bob Hope and his NBC trouper are off on another cross-country trek. Ere they return to sunny California again, their appearances will range from a benefit for an officers' club that burned down to headlining a White House dinner.

His schedule follows: March 7, U. S. A. F., Miami, Fla.; March 14, WAVES, U. S. Naval Base, Jacksonville, Fla.; March 21, U. S. A. F., Macon, Ga.; March 25, Cleveland, O. (Canteen); March 28, Ski Troopers, Camp Hale, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Bunk Fatigue Programs: (Monday, March 6 through Saturday, March 11, inclusive.)

MUTUAL: (All times are CWT.) Monday: 6:45 p.m., The Lion's Roar; 9:30 p.m., Adventures of Bulldog Drummond; 11 p.m., Chicago Symphony of the Air. Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Pick 'n' Pat Time; 10:15 p.m., Chicago at Night; 11:30 p.m., Lawrence Welk's Orchestra. Wednesday: 7:30 p.m., Xavier Cugat; 8:30 p.m., First Nighter; 10:45 p.m., Elmer's Juke Box; 12:05 a.m., Del Courtney's Orchestra. Thursday: 7:30 p.m., The Human Adventure; 8 p.m., Gabriel Heatter; 9:30 p.m., Swing's the Thing; 11:10 p.m., Jimmy Joy's Orchestra. Friday: 7:30 p.m., Freedom of Opportunity; 8:15 p.m., Believe It or Not; 9:30 p.m., The Weird Circle. Saturday: 5:45 p.m., Saturday Sports Review; 7:15 p.m., The Good Will Hour; 11:10 p.m., until 2 a.m., News and Orchestra.

NBC: (All times are EWT): Monday: 6:15 p.m., Serenade to America; 10 p.m., Carnation Hour; 10:30 p.m., Information Please. Tuesday: 7 p.m., News of the World; 8 p.m., Johnny Presents; 9:30 p.m., Fibber McGee and Molly; 11 p.m., Fred Waring. Wednesday: 6:45 p.m., Lowell Thomas; 9 p.m., Eddie Cantor; 9:30 p.m., Kay Kayser; 11:30 p.m., Beat the Band. Thursday: 7:30 p.m., Bob Burns; 8:30 p.m., The Aldrich Family; 10 p.m., Abbott and Costello; 10:30 p.m., March of Time. Friday: 8 p.m., Cities Service Concert; 9 p.m., Waltz Time; 10 p.m., Amos 'n' Andy; 11:30 p.m., Your All-Time Hit Parade. Saturday: 7 p.m., The American Story; 9 p.m., National Barn Dance; 10 p.m., Million Dollar Band; 11 p.m., Truth or Consequences; 12 m., Thomas Peluso's Orchestra.

Army Exchange Service Group Insurance Plan

NEW YORK—The story of the Army Exchange Service Group Insurance Plan is told in the February issue of the Army Exchange Reporter. Developed more than a year ago, the plan is available only to exchanges in the continental limits of the United States.

The benefits include life insurance, unemployment insurance, weekly accident and sickness benefits, daily hospital expense benefits, daily hospital expense reimbursement for additional charges, incidental to hospitalization, for employees and their dependents. Copy of the issue may be obtained by exchange personnel by writing Army Exchange Reporter, 52 Vanderbilt avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

with a high sense of duty, resourceful and willing to assume responsibility. Commanders will give personal attention to improving the quality and prestige of those non-commissioned officers who exercise command responsibilities.

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 - e. The public recognition through news releases, orders and other appropriate means of the accomplishments and the importance of the non-commissioned officers.

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- f. The delegation to non-commissioned officers of all authority that is rightfully theirs and the creation of increased opportunity for the non-commissioned officers to exercise command and initiative.
- g. The consultation with appropriate non-commissioned officers in planning the implementation of directives.
- h. The avoidance of embarrassment of non-commissioned officers in the presence of their subordinates.
- i. The thorough indoctrination of every non-commissioned officer with the importance and responsibility of his grade and position.

Hot Meals Served at Front Despite Obstacles in Italy

WASHINGTON—No obstacles are permitted to stand in the way of delivering hot meals to front line troops, the War Department revealed this week in citing the report of a battalion supply officer recently returned to the United States, and the experiences of a front line mess sergeant.

Capt. Charles P. Downs, Inf., of San Antonio, Tex., cited one instance in his report in which supply troops braved machine gun fire to carry out their assignment. Captain Downs was a battalion officer in Tunisia until he was wounded at El Guettar. "One night we found that the route our jeeps and trailers were using to carry the food ran right through enemy machine gun fire, but the men decided to take a



PALS are Pvt. Robert E. Steinmetz, Pittsburgh, and his own private pack mule which hauls supplies of food and ammunition to his buddies on the front line in the mountains of Italy. Steinmetz found the mule on an Italian farm more dead than alive, and bought it for \$5. He treated the animal's feet, fed and doctored it for a week or two, and now has what he boasts is the hardest working and most faithful mule on the pack trail. And "Red," which is now the mule's name, won't work for any soldier but Steinmetz.

Arts Program Urged For Soldier Rehabilitation

NEW YORK—Training in arts for the postwar period should include a program for the rehabilitation of returning service men and should be integrated with various phases of industrial progress, it was declared this week at a conference of the Committee on Art in American Education and Society.

Robert Gwathmey, an instructor at Cooper Union, suggested that the government should take up art projects as a war measure, as for example in the application of arts in therapy.

David B. Steinman, an industrial engineer, proposed that in the reconstruction era the engineer and artist join in housing projects for the beautification of residential area.

GI Trucks in US to Get No New Tires This Year

WASHINGTON—A shortage of truck-size tires and the heavily increased demands for new tires for Army trucks in combat zones is resulting in stringent rationing this year of large tires for Army vehicles used in the United States, the War Department announced this week.

Few, if any, new truck-size tires are being issued for domestic use by the Army on aircraft, artillery and armored automotive equipment and on trucks.

The maintenance division of the Army Service Forces will re-cap and service tires on Army vehicles in this country. Instructions will be given in correct inflation and drivers of Army equipment will be taught thorough inspection and careful operation, so that present tires will give long service and replacement will be kept to a minimum.

The shortage of tires is due to heavy demands on production facilities, the scarcity of skilled tire-builders and to the demands for rubber in invasion weapons.

Movie Stuff

National U. S. opinion polls show number one topic of public interest is "Post-War Jobs?," title of the latest March of Time film about to be released.

Already, first war contracts are being cancelled, first workers let out. From the foxholes comes: "What about the jobs when we come back?" To answer these questions, MOT has looked into what is being done by government and industry. The result is said to be a revealing film.

Important national figures—including James Byrnes, Wendell Willkie, Senator Walter F. George and Paul G. Hoffman—are shown in up-to-the minute scenes. Also included are post-war planning committees of government and industry, new business, streamlined luxuries, plastics, helicopters, all stimulating post-war employment.

When Janet Blair returned home to her apartment after a hard day's work in Columbia's "Curly," she was greeted by the appetizing odor of broiling lamb chops issuing from the kitchen.

There, bedecked in one of her aprons and up to his neck in an army-sized salad, was Sgt. Lou Busch, Janet's bridegroom, who had never even boiled an egg in his life.

He had gotten a pass from the Santa Ana Air Base, and had decided to cook dinner.

The real surprise came later. It took two hours to clean up the place. Lou had found and used every pot and pan in the kitchen.

Now comes the "Zoom Girl," a new form of pin-up beauty, and Lynn Merrick has the distinction of being number one. She was voted the honor by a group of sailors working the graveyard shift in San Diego Naval Air Station's torpedo shop.

In notifying Lynn of her election, Roland V. Davis, seaman 2/c, wrote: "In case you don't know it, a Zoom Girl is just what we need to keep us awake from midnight until 7 a.m., and zoom up production."

Home Town Papers Sought for Library

CAMP COOKE, Calif.—Copies of "home town" newspapers are being made available regularly to men of the Eleventh Armored Division at the Library of Camp Cooke's Service Club No. 1, Maj. J. A. Knapp, Division Special Service Officer, has announced.

Contact was made with the managing editors of newspapers published in cities and towns throughout the country, Major Knapp said, with requests that they provide subscriptions for their newspapers for the use of the men of the division.

Timken Company To Give Double Seniority

WASHINGTON, D. C.—One of the first of the nation's industrial concerns to show its appreciation of what its employees now in the armed forces are doing for it is the Timken Roller Bearing Company of Canton, Ohio.

Double seniority to their former employees is Timken's plan. For every year a man or woman has served in a branch of the armed forces, the firm will chalk up two years on his or her record as an employee of Timken's.

Not only is the company doing this for its own workers, but it is urging Congress through advertisements appearing in many of the larger newspapers to "see that such a plan is put into effect on a nation-wide basis, giving economic security to those now doing so much for all of us."

Servicemen and women, especially those who were employed by this company before the war, can get more information about their plan by writing direct to: The Timken Roller Bearing Company, Canton, Ohio.

Fannin's 'Texas Yanks' Closes Road Tour

CAMP FANNIN, Tex.—Performers at the Dallas Naval Air Station and at Camp Fannin Station Hospital last week brought to a close the East Texas tour of the military musical, "Texas Yanks."

More than \$2,000,000 in War Bonds were sold as admission to "Texas Yanks" in the various towns played and the show was credited with aiding in selling an additional \$14,500,000 when it co-starred with Red Skelton at the Dallas Naval Air Station recently. The cast presented a 45-minute stage show prior to the coast-to-coast broadcast of the famous comedian's program.

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A Slight Case Of Resistance

... or The Battle of The Barracks Bags

By T/S John Norman
Camp Wolters, Tex.

It all started with my selling 12 clothes hangers to a barracks orderly. The clothes hanger situation being what it is, I should not have done it. These hangers were 12 precious bits of bent wire, I discovered later. Yes, it was true that the barracks bags already were full. I had stuffed them with all my GI equipment, plus extra clothes, shoes, photos, stationery, and two copies of the Congressional Directory (67th Congress, first and second sessions). Even then, a huge pile of non-GI material had to be sold, and given away, at an emergency auction sale.

Packing those resistant fabric roundtitties threw me into a cold sweat. And I had plenty of chances to sweat it out since I made five moves in less than a week. Several times my fevered brain convinced me that the bags were shrinking. But that was highly improbable. I was in Texas. No doubt about it, they were just plain stubborn.

With each move I found myself discarding precious personal belongings—my bookends, given to me as a birthday present by Aunt Sadie; my 12-volume set of the Encyclopedia of Flora and Fauna (after all, a non-com needs reference materials).

Out of sheer desperation, I drew up a chart and intended to be thoroughly systematic in my packing—just once, to see if it would work. I followed the chart explicitly. I put in my khakis, field pack, overcoat, etc., all in order, one thing on top of another. Getting the clothing and pack into the bags was no problem at all. But I did begin to have trouble when I got to the "etc."

After the fourth move with the inevitable necessity of packing the barracks bags, I solicited the aid of an "old Army man"—a Pfc. who had arrived on the Mexican border in 1916 and who had decided then he would make the Army his career. He showed me how he'd packed them—and simple it was, too! His formula: Pile all your equipment on your cot, on the ground, or any other convenient level space. Shovel it vigorously into the bag and then step on it until it is tightly packed down. Repeat operation until everything is cleared from the cot.

Any questions?

The Mess Line

GI Love Story:
Sgt. William Jones:
Dear Sergeant Jones:
Dear Bill:
Bill Dear:
My Own Darling Dearest:
Bill Darling:
Bill Darling:
Bill Dear:
Dear Bill:
Dear Private Jones:
Pvt. William Jones:

Said one little can of paint to another little can of paint, "Darling, I think I'm pigment."

Do you remember when women used to cover their insteps?
No, but I can remember when they covered their step-ins.

Cpl.: If you put a mama duck and five little ducks in a box and shake them, what do you have?
Pvt.: A box of quackers?

Wonder if the Japs are suffering from Aleutianations?

To avoid that run-down feeling, gross streets carefully.

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"You would hafta make a sanitary inspection just when a barrage starts!"

Army Quiz

1. The insignia of the Armored Command are tricolored—blue, red and yellow—representing the three basic service arms welded into tank warfare. For what service does each of the colors stand?

2. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has been given a new award, the Order of Suvorov First Class. It was the first given by the donors to any "foreign" general. Was the award given by—

- A. A English social and literary club?
- B. The Russian government?
- C. The Free French?

3. Can you name the three types of compass issued by the Army?

4. What wind velocity is most favorable for a gas or smoke attack?

- A. 60 miles per hour?
- B. 20 miles.
- C. Three to 12 miles per hour?

5. Last week in their push on Pskov, the Russians captured an important railway junction. Say you don't know it and you will have the name. What was it?

6. If an aviator told you that on a mission he had "run out of altitude" you would probably know he had been forced down. If a Navy man told you his ship had "lost a lot of braid," would it mean that—

- A. She had lost speed?
- B. A number of officers had been killed?
- C. Some of her batteries were out of commission?

7. "Mystery ships" of the last war

were fighting vessels disguised as helpless merchantmen. What are the "whisper ships" of this war?

- A. Submarines?
- B. Unarmed mine-sweepers?
- C. Gliders?

8. Estonia, part of which has been captured recently by the Russians, was one of the states set up by the Treaty of Versailles, after World War I. Was its territory taken from—

- A. Russia?
- B. Finland?
- C. Germany?

9. What is the correct military name of the diamond in the first sergeant's insignia?

- A. Squeegie?
- B. Lonzenge?
- C. Pip?

10. Two leading generals of the

Sgt. Bill Mauldin, 45th Division



CIO Opens Canteen In Nation's Capital

WASHINGTON — The CIO has opened a canteen here in Washington open to both White and Negro service personnel. In commenting on it, Joseph Phillips, president of the Washington Industrial Union, said:

"We of the CIO in Washington are very proud that we could open the first non-Jim Crow canteen in Washington. The CIO has always opposed Nazi theories of racial superiority. We believe that one aim of this war is to eliminate such theories."

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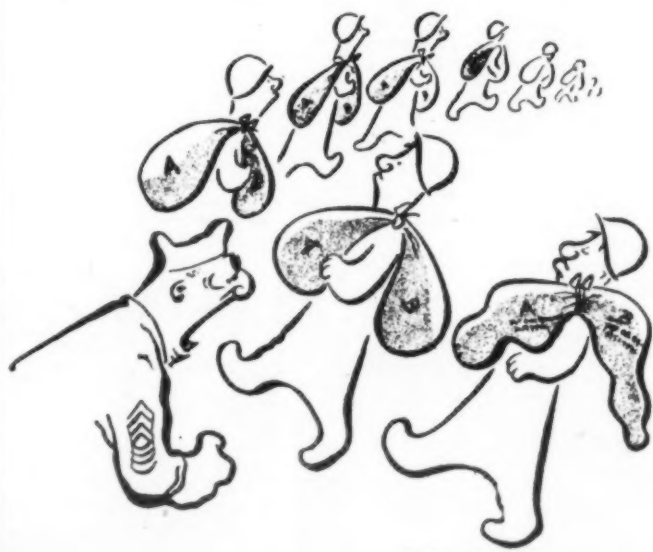
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SOLDIER SHOWS

"Give me a thousand men who are entertained rather than ten thousand who have had no entertainment."
General John J. Pershing.

In this column the Entertainment Section of the Special Services Division contributes items on soldier shows which are in some way interesting or outstanding. Perhaps in these items you may find a suggestion which will be helpful to you in producing your show.

THE PARTY LINE

A few suggestions for those moments of relaxation. New games for parties always bring praise: **Baseball Questions and Answers**
Divide the soldiers into teams of nine. Draw circles for the home plate and the three bases on the floor. Each soldier gets one question in turn. First soldier to bat—If he answers correctly, goes to first base. If not, he is the first out for his side. Soldiers move on bases at each correct answer, one base at a time and score when the fourth answer is correct, since the main on third base comes home. When one side has three outs, the other team comes to bat.

The above game may be played as football, each question correctly answered advancing a man ten yards. Incorrect answers set him back ten yards. Each team lines up with eleven men on opposite sides (ends) of the gridiron. The first team to advance its eleven men across the opposite goal wins. Where an answer is half correct, an advance of five yards may be awarded.

CONSEQUENCES—An old game—but always good for a lot of fun. Provide each player with a pencil and a sheet of paper. As each answer is written, the player folds the paper so that the next one cannot read the answer, then passes it over to the left. This is continued

until the answers are all written. The papers are then passed once to the right, and the stories are read aloud in rotation. Here are the things to be written:

1. A girl's name.
2. A boy's name.
3. Where they met.
4. What she wore.
5. What he wore.
6. Where they went.
7. What she said.
8. What he said.
9. What she did.
10. What he did.
11. The consequences.
12. What the world said.

PRODUCTION NOTE:

Musical Quizzicals strike a new twist in audience-participation games, providing the ingredients for an entire evening's entertainment, yet flexible enough and adaptable enough to apply the same material to a series of four 20-minute spots on their own, or incorporated into a variety show. The questions, and answers may be broken up into four groups:

1. General questions and running musical story with impromptu dialogue.
2. Novelty questions.
3. Charades.
4. Tell-a-tale questions.

This four-pronged formula keeps the quizzical musical, but at the same time eliminates the danger of boredom or monotony, for the action will speak louder than music or words in some questions and answers.

Make your band part of the show or you can simply use a piano, aided by a string instrument for relief.

The four sets of questions may be used together or loosely, depending upon the ad-lib glibness of your master of ceremonies and the time you want to consume in playing musical instruments. An MC who has mastered the art of making the contestants feel at home in an audience participation show; who can be informal and thoroughly at ease, naturally will milk the quiz by exchanging chit chat with each contestant before popping the question. He can even hint, sometimes for laughs, the right answer. One

Post used quiz of a variety routine: 1. number. 2. 3. First set singer from set of qu a song. 8. Band p instrument questions. 10. Band parts (substitut band).

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Quiz Answers

(See ARMY QUIZ, Page 14)

1. Blue—Infantry. Red—Field Artillery. Yellow—Cavalry.
2. B.
3. Prismatic, lesatic, watch.
4. C.
5. Dno. (Pronounced Dunno.)
6. B.
7. C.
8. A.
9. B.
10. "Uncle Joe"—Lt. Gen. Joseph Stillwell. "Tooney"—Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz. "Jumbo"—Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson.

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Relations With Civilians
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Historical Background
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Food
The staple articles of diet are meat and potatoes, and pie. This is very monotonous. Everything is rationed, but you will soon make your "black market" connections and do all right.

Entertainment and Sports
Cinemas range from first-class to mediocre. Baseball and football are the leading sports. Baseball is played by having nine men on each side. Football differs in that it has two more men on each side. It is all

ensuing monologue about invasions quite complicated.

The American language is difficult but you will soon pick up enough to make your wants understood. To pronunciation, some vowels are pronounced separately and to again others are not. Other points note are:

OY is pronounced ester.
OI is pronounced eri.
C before ou is pronounced a before a o u.
Z is pronounced, but you will run into this one often.

The American is highly individualistic, but is friendly and courteous. For example, if you call up an American and say "Can you line up a couple of dames for tonight?" you will generally find out that yours will turn out to be an awful looking dame.

The principal cities are New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Boston. With the above hints you should get along quite well with the Americans. One splendid way to ingratiate yourself with soldiers you will meet there is to ask if they've been overseas. When they reply in the negative, just sneer.

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Says Less than Fourth of Vets Will Return to Former Jobs

WASHINGTON—Less than 25 per cent of returning veterans will be reinstated in former jobs, it was estimated this week by Millard W. Rice, national service director of the Disabled American Veterans, in a letter to Col. Paul Griffith, director, re-employment division, National Selective Service System.

Rice urged Colonel Griffith to begin immediately a survey to ascertain the effectiveness of the selective service act regulation which provides for the restoration of discharged servicemen to their former positions.

Various Reasons

Rice bases his contention on the following estimates:

"Five percent of the discharges will have no protection under Section 8 of the Selective Service Act, because of the fact that they had no jobs at time of induction.

"Twenty-five per cent will have no protection because they were on the same jobs previously held by other servicemen who had been inducted prior to their own induction.

"Another 25 per cent will find former jobs abolished by reason of business failures, changes, and technological developments.

"Twenty-five per cent will fail to apply within 40 days after their discharge from service for reinstatement into their former jobs, because of illness, the desire to shift to other jobs, unwillingness to displace women or older persons occupying their

former jobs, and because of ignorance as to their rights to do so.

Must Find Jobs

"Thus leaving only about 20 per cent who will actually become reinstated into former jobs, including governmental jobs.

"This would mean that it would be necessary to locate new jobs for the other 80 per cent, minus the comparatively few, on a percentage basis, who would be totally disabled, who would be undergoing educational or vocational training courses or who, for various reasons, might not need to or care to sustain themselves by gainful employment."

BLIND VETS

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nouncing the program added that an agreement has been reached with the Veterans Administration to differentiate between the blind and other wounded veterans in respect to their retention in service.

Establishment of the social adjustment center by the Army for all branches of service was ordered by Secretary of War Stimson, under agreement with Secretary of the Navy Knox.

The summary and recommendations of policy have been signed by Mr. Stimson, Mr. Knox, Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, and Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

Col. Frederic Thorne, who is considered one of the Army's foremost ophthalmologists, has been named to head the proposed center, the detailed program for which is now being completed. Now on duty at Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa., Colonel Thorne will go to England to study methods of treatment of the blind followed at the internationally known rehabilitation center, St. Dunstan's.

The site for the new center has not yet been selected, although it is probable its location will be at a point in the East.

The number of men totally blinded thus far in the war has not been unduly large, numbering less than 75. Seventy of these are Army casualties, and three are Navy and Marine Corps personnel. In addition, two blinded German soldiers, prisoners of war, are under care in this country.

Training to be Given

Blinded veterans will be transferred to the proposed center immediately after hospital treatment for acute conditions has been given in the Army or Navy hospitals where all such casualties will be cared for. There the way will be cleared for their return to civilian life as smoothly and with as little heartache as possible. Manual dexterity will be instilled and training given in certain skills for which patients show aptitude and preference.

The Veterans Administration, before the person has completed his social adjustment training and prior to his discharge from service, is to arrange for each blind person a course of vocational rehabilitation to be pursued after discharge.

Congress...

WASHINGTON—Among bills which have been introduced into the House are the following:

H.R. 4208, which would create a new cabinet post, a Secretary for Veterans.

H.R. 4218, which would provide wound and overseas service chevrons comparable to those provided in the last war.

H.R. 4219, which would permit the commissioning of women pilots in the Army.

H.R. 4240, which would pay National Service Life Insurance benefits to the mother or father of the serviceman if he leaves no widow or child.

H.R. 4269, which provides that "any member of the armed forces on active duty status who has satisfactorily completed, under the Civil Aeronautics Administration war-training program, the primary, secondary, and cross-country flight courses, and either the elementary-instructor course or link-trainer course, shall be granted a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army" or comparable rank in the Navy or Marines.

H.R. 4294, which would exempt servicemen from paying the tax on long distance phone calls if they use phones in camp which are specifically limited to their use.

Mackinaw Coat Worn Only By Special Issue

WASHINGTON—The War Department notes that it has had brought to its attention that enlisted men on pass or furlough have been ordered to discontinue the wearing of the mackinaw coat.

It notes that under current Tables of Equipment, enlisted personnel with certain occupational specialist designations are issued the mackinaw coat in lieu of the overcoat and are in consequence authorized to wear it while on pass or furlough. It notes that military police and other troops acting in that capacity should be informed of this for their guidance in enforcing uniform regulations.

Except as noted, the mackinaw coat is not authorized for wear on pass or furlough.

WAR

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American attack power has been demonstrated. The outstanding operation during the week was the American landing on Negros Island, one of the Admiralty Island group, at the western end of the Bismarck sea, where the Momote airdrome was captured with little opposition, in combined air, naval and Army attack. The Admiralty Islands are almost due south of Guam, and only 1300 miles from the Philippines.

50,000 Japs Trapped

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who saw the Negros attack, noted that this invasion brings the end of the Bismarck campaign clearly in sight, and added that, "in addition to the Japanese troops trapped in the Solomons, 50,000 more in New Britain and Rabaul are now enclosed."

The Japanese air force has been pitifully lacking in any attempt at defense in the Admiralty attacks, and also in the repeated American bombings at Rabaul. The Jap fleet has been nowhere in evidence.

After the lull in operations, which has existed for some time in Burma, news comes of a victory by the British 14th Army in the Arakan hill country north of Akyab. Enemy dead numbered 1500 of an attacking force of 8000 is reported. Jap withdrawals are reported everywhere in the fighting north of Akyab, and the British are mopping up Japanese remnants to clear the enemy from Northern Burma.

Three U. S. Papers To Publish Overseas

LONDON—Three American newspapers will publish overseas editions to be sold in the PX to American troops. New York Times, Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun have been granted permission to issue the papers, which are not to be larger than eight pages, 12½ by 17½ inches in size.